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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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 EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 3/30/56 and Buairtel
 dated 4/9/56.

[redacted] aka [redacted] has been a source of information in the Miami Office since [redacted]. He has furnished reliable information in the past which has been verified by information furnished by security informants in the Miami Office. In addition [redacted] has testified in Administrative Hearings and deportation cases for Immigration and Naturalization Service, as well as furnishing depositions in various INS cases.

On April 3, 1956 [redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] has furnished valuable and reliable information to INS, and that they have contemplated using him as a witness in various deportation cases. [redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Los Angeles Office is a copy of a report of SA GEORGE E. DAVIS, Miami, dated April 8, 1953 entitled "INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER NEW YORK AND CLEVELAND, OHIO, IS--C."

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 3-Los Angeles(100-53645)(100-23184-[redacted])
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*Mr. Belmont*Approved: *AOP*

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cc [redacted] Marquise.
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Remylet dated March 14, 1956, and
remyairtel dated April 9, 1956, both captioned as
above.

Immediately submit summary memoranda
for [redacted] and [redacted] so same may
be furnished to the Department.

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YELLOW ONLY: USA, LA contemplates using [redacted] and
Ousley in connection with civil action to set aside
the citizenship of [redacted] and [redacted]
are on the Security Index. This matter being handled
pursuant to SAC Letter 55-40 (J).

cc - 100-328077 [redacted]

cc - 100-189510 [redacted]

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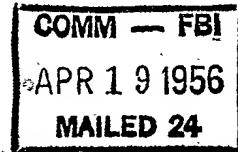
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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: April 17, 1956
To: Mr. Kimball Johnson
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: NORWOOD PETER DU BERG
LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CP-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Harvey Marshall Matusow, a former confidential informant of this Bureau, has publicly recanted certain testimony previously given by him both in court and before various congressional committees.

In view of the above, your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent Charles A. Poderzay, dated August 14, 1953, at New York, New York. This report contains information furnished by Matusow, who is identified therein as New York Confidential Informant T-13. Matusow is considered to be of known unreliability. It is noted, however, that information furnished by Matusow is corroborated in part by information from another source in Special Agent Poderzay's report.

The above is furnished for your information and for whatever action you deem necessary. It is not intended as a clearance of captioned individual and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

NOTE: Data furnished by Matusow in this case identifies an associate of DuBerg as a CP member, which information was substantiated by another source during Bureau's 100-418105 investigation. This data is being furnished the Commission and the Department for the completion of their files.

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cc: 1 - AAG, William F. Tompkins
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cc: 1 - 138-2006 / 1 - 100-418105 1 - 100-375988



cc: 1 - Mr. J. R. Sutthoff, Room 2266.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *(fob)* *APR 19 1956*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ABH*

SUBJECT: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

DATE: April 19, 1956

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In connection with the New York Smith Act trial, Departmental attorneys have contacted Benjamin Gitlow and Maurice Malkin as potential Government witnesses. Both stated that they were reluctant to cooperate with the Department and based such reluctance on the Department's attitude toward ex-communists who have appeared as witnesses.

Assistant United States Attorney Gilchrist of New York advised on 4-16-56 that Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, while in New York City on 4-13-56, interviewed both Gitlow and Malkin and was impressed with their plea that the Department has not afforded to cooperative ex-communists any assistance in overcoming the stigma of prior Communist Party affiliation, which exists as a barrier to their employment. According to Mr. Gilchrist, Mr. Tompkins told Gitlow and Malkin that he would see what the Department could do concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
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Mr. Dooley

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cc: Mr. Dise

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

April 26, 1956

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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By memorandum dated April 25, 1956, you were furnished with information regarding three individuals which might affect their credibility as witnesses.

Forwarded herewith is one copy each of memoranda prepared by our Los Angeles Office on [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]. These memoranda contain data concerning these individuals which would have a bearing on their credibility as witnesses. Copies of these memoranda have been furnished to the United States Attorney in Los Angeles by our Los Angeles Office.

The United States Attorney in Los Angeles has been advised that the Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses has considered the cases of Maurice Halkin, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]. He was advised that this committee has given Halkin, [redacted] and [redacted] "restricted clearance" and has given [redacted] and [redacted] full clearance. With respect to [redacted] the United States Attorney was told that information regarding [redacted] can be obtained from the Department since the Department is in possession of full and complete data regarding [redacted]. It was suggested to the United States Attorney that a request for clearance to use Halkin, [redacted]

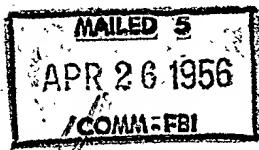
[redacted] and [redacted] as witnesses be directed to the Internal Security Division of the Department. *JW*

The United States Attorney has been advised that he will be furnished results of the check being

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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

made on the name of [redacted] also known as [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] when this information is received by our Los Angeles Office. This data will also be furnished to the Department when it becomes available.

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MR. MARGUERET

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

April 20, 1958

Director, FBI

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Information has been received from our Los Angeles Office that denaturalization proceedings presently are pending in Los Angeles against the captioned individuals. The United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles advised that it contemplates using [REDACTED] as a witness in this matter.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] is a former Communist Party member, enclosed for your information is a summary memorandum concerning him. A copy of this memorandum has been furnished to the United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles.

Reports concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] previously have been furnished to you.

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Enclosure

100-189510

YELLOW ONLY: Subjects on SI. USA, LA has requested central indices check on [REDACTED] inasmuch as he may be used as a witness in forthcoming denaturalization proceedings against [REDACTED]. This matter being handled pursuant to SAC Letter 55-40 (J).

cc - 100-418105 (Ex-Communists as Witnesses)

cc - 61-7663 [REDACTED]

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53015)

EX-COMMUNIST ACTIVISTS

The Cleveland letter to the Bureau, cabled [redacted]
[redacted], March 19, 1956, re: "Miscellaneous." To Los Angeles
Letter to the Bureau, March 2, 1956, entitled USA, Communist Party
Witnesses, and Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated March 14, 1956.

As directed in rebulet, there are enclosed to the Bureau
for dissemination to the Government, copies of a blank memorandum
concerning [redacted]

This information has been furnished to the United States
attorney at Los Angeles in the form as enclosed.

S-Bureau (REG'D/AMW) (Enclo. 6)

cc: 100-109510 [redacted]

100-109510 [redacted]

61-7663 [redacted]

Los Angeles

cc: 100-23101 [redacted]

100-23212 [redacted]

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Los Angeles, California
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Subject: [redacted]



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The following data was received from informants and sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] is a self-admitted member and functionary of the Communist Party during the period [redacted]. He was expelled from the Communist Party in [redacted] for being politically unreliable. In June, 1941, he testified before the Dies Committee, Washington, D. C., relative to his knowledge of the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio, area. However, subsequent to his testimony before the Dies Committee, he addressed a letter to the Committee stating his testimony was "a grossly doctored document wilfully dictated to injure his reputation as a revolutionist and fighter for the working class."

In [redacted]
Revolutionary Workers League. The Revolutionary Workers League has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [redacted]
Revolutionary Workers League, and [redacted]
the Revolutionary Workers League [redacted]
[redacted] of that organization.

[redacted] propaganda of the Revolutionary Workers League in Cleveland, but is not known to have been actively engaged in organizing for the Revolutionary Workers League.

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RE: [redacted]

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Subject, in August, 1949, spoke as a representative of the Revolutionary Workers League to a public gathering on the Public Square, Cleveland, urging his audience to join any Party, such as the International Workers of the World, the Workers Party or the Socialist Workers Party, where they would learn some of the truths concerning what is happening in the world.

The International Workers of the World, Workers Party and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Upon interview by Bureau Agents in August, 1951, subject described the Revolutionary Workers League as a Marxist, anti-Capitalist, anti-Stalinist organization which did not advocate force or violence. However, he compared the Revolutionary Workers League to the American revolutionists who were organized to use force and violence to establish a new government. He referred to the Revolutionary Workers League as a national organization and to himself as the "head" of it.

Subject indicated to Bureau Agents in February, 1952 that the Revolutionary Workers League was then no longer active as a unit, caused by, among other things, the "anti-leftist" attitude of the people of the United States. He also indicated that the Revolutionary Workers League, at that time, had no plans for reactivation. He stated, however, that he maintained contact with other local Revolutionary Workers League members on a personal basis and that the Revolutionary Workers League nationally was active only on issue of particular interest.

At a meeting of the "Cleveland Open Forum", February 12, 1955, in Cleveland, JOSEPH DOUGHER, Communist Party functionary, who had been indicted under the Smith Act, spoke on the subject, "Can a Labor Party Help America's Working People". The subject also addressed the same group stating that he gloried in the fact that "the workers of Russia, Czechoslovakia and Poland had gained freedom" and that he was not in "favor of evolution but revolution; that in everything in which evolution is involved, there has to come a time of sharp reaction, such as the February and October revolutions

RE: [redacted] Was.

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in Russia." He stated that a Labor Party in the United States would be ineffectual because Labor still thinks in terms of capitalism, and that the "American Fascist Organization" is the strongest and worst in the world.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Records of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, as checked on October 6, 1955 contained the following records for [redacted]
[redacted] was.:

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[redacted] - Cleveland, Ohio, as [redacted] - Carrying concealed weapons - Fined \$25 and costs.

[redacted] - Cleveland, Ohio, [redacted] Cleveland Police Department Number [redacted]
[redacted] - Forgery - Passing a check on April 18, 1924, on the Cleveland Trust Company for \$16.50 [redacted]
[redacted] and endorsed by [redacted]
Sentenced to Ohio State Reformatory for indeterminate term.

[redacted]

- Received at United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, charged stealing United States mail - Sentenced 13 months.

[redacted] - Disorderly conduct - Fine and costs suspended.

[redacted]

- Arrested by Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Police Department as suspicious person - Dismissed.

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[redacted] Arrested by Jersey City, New Jersey,
Police Department - disorderly conduct -
sentenced to 30 days.

[redacted] Arrested Cleveland Police Department -
Charge - neglect of minor children -
Case Dismissed.

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Immigration and Naturalization Service. Cleveland, letter,
May 6, 1955, advised that [redacted] had been classified
by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as being unreliable
as a confidential informant and witness because [redacted] stated that
he would not appear voluntarily to testify regarding the membership
of persons known to him who have been members of the Communist Party.
The Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that [redacted] further
stated he would testify only in connection with persons known to him
as "Stalinists."

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Date: April 19, 1956

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, Cleveland

To: Director, FBI

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Re LA airtel dated 3-30-56, and Buairtel dated 4-9-56.

CV files reveal [redacted] aka [redacted]
 [redacted] was interviewed on several occasions by INS at Miami, Florida. During these interviews [redacted] admitted CP membership in Cleveland, Ohio, during 1932 to early 1935, and gave sworn statements regarding persons he knew to be CP members during that time.

On 4-19-56, [redacted] Investigator, INS, Cleveland, advised [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past. He further stated [redacted] will testify in Cleveland, 4-30-56, concerning an INS matter.

Cleveland PD records checked on 4-19-56, reflect one [redacted]

[redacted] was born [redacted] and arrested on 10-2-30, for neglecting minor child. [redacted] was wanted at Warren, Ohio, for neglect of minor child and turned over to Warren. No disposition was recorded.

CV files contain no other information concerning [redacted] which would reflect upon his credibility.

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A copy of Bulet to LA dated 3-14-56, furnished CV by LA, is being returned herewith. 13 APR 30 1956

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Mr. Belmont

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cc 2d CV to Miami
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- 2 - Bureau (100-448105) (RM)
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 1 - [redacted] (100-23184 -- [redacted]) (RM)
 1 - [redacted] (100-23212 -- [redacted]) (RM)
 1 - Miami [redacted] (Info) (RM)
 1 - Cleveland (100-10234)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53645)

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Rebulets 4/19/56 and 4/16/56; Reb u airtel 4/9/56;
remylets 4/13/56 and 4/18/56; re Cleveland let to Bu, copies
to Los Angeles, 3/19/56, captioned [redacted] SM - C",
Bufile 100-328077.

There are enclosed herewith blank memoranda on
[redacted] and [redacted] named in relet 4/19/56.
Relet 3/19/56 advised that INS, Cleveland, had advised FBI,
Cleveland, 3/15/56 that [redacted]
AUSA [redacted] was orally advised of
the death of contemplated witness [redacted] and the USA at
Los Angeles thereupon by letter dated 3/29/56 requested
central indices check on [redacted] as a contemplated
witness in the same matter.

The blank memoranda enclosed on [redacted]
is compiled from pertinent data furnished by the Bureau and
the Miami Office. Cleveland is requested in the interest

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)

RE: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

March 21, 1956

of speed and to avoid duplications to furnish directly to the Bureau a supplementary blank memorandum on [] for the Bureau to furnish to the Department and for Los Angeles to submit to the USA's Office at Los Angeles.

One copy of each blank memoranda on [] and [] are enclosed herewith for the information of the Cleveland Office.

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W.H. []



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
[redacted] according to information furnished by
him at Cleveland, Ohio, on May 3, 1952, had been active in
the Communist Party in Cleveland during the period [redacted]
and was an inactive member of the Communist Party from [redacted]
[redacted] when he severed all Communist Party affiliations.

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[redacted]
[redacted] as an informant and witness from June, 1950. He last appeared
as a witness in a deportation hearing on March 16, 1955, at
which time he testified that he had never written checks with
no funds to his account. The attorney for the alien produced
two such checks and it appears [redacted] testified falsely in
this regard. [redacted] also testified that he was unaware of
the relationship between [redacted]
but had previously testified under oath before an officer of
the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he was aware
of this relationship. During the time he was testifying in
the hearing, he was uncooperative, showed indignation toward
the alien's counsel, and upon several occasions refused to
answer questions regarding his personal affairs even when
directed to do so by the Special Inquiry Officer. [redacted]
in May, 1955, was no longer being used by the Immigration
and Naturalization Service as an informant or witness regarding
subversive matters.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, Cleveland,
Ohio, on March 15, 1956, advised the Federal Bureau of
Investigation that [redacted] had recently died of
asphyxiation.

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[redacted]
Also known as

[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] (not verified) was interviewed on various occasions by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During interviews, [redacted] admitted membership in the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio, from approximately [redacted] but when he was interviewed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 16, 1952, at Miami, Florida, he was of the opinion he joined the Communist Party in Cleveland in [redacted] As of 1952, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] advised during February and March, 1953, that while he was in the International Workers Order and Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio, in the 1930's, the International Workers Order was dominated and controlled by a Communist Party fraction of which he was a member. [redacted] recalled that this Communist Party fraction received written instructions from the District Committee, Communist Party, Cleveland, to "put over" the Communist Party program in the International Workers Order and to distribute Communist Party literature within the International Workers Order and to recruit Communist Party members from within the International Workers Order. [redacted] subsequently dropped out of the International Workers Order and Communist Party, and on September 1, 1942, rejoined the International Workers Order, Lodge 1511, Hempstead, Long Island, New York, where he observed that the International Workers Order followed Communist Party policies under leadership of a Communist Party fraction. [redacted] advised he did not belong to the Communist Party during this period despite efforts by a Communist Party fraction to recruit him.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. APRIL 27, 1956

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Transmit the following message *SAC, CLEVELAND*

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES. Re Los Angeles
airtel to Bureau 4/24/56. *4/18/56-144*

RECORDED 90/00 - Bureau sees no reason for interviewing
[redacted] to determine if identical with
[redacted] inasmuch as
he is INS witness and not witness in Bureau case.
Interview with [redacted] unnecessary unless other
reasons for interview unknown to Bureau exist.

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cc - Los Angeles (100-53645) (For Information)

Bufile (100-418105)

YELLOW ONLY: USA, LA requested central indices check on Stanley Muzyka as he contemplated using him in denaturalization proceedings against [redacted] and [redacted] formerly furnished information to Bureau on confidential basis, but has been used extensively by INS in their cases. He was never an approved Bureau informant. [redacted] possibly identical with [redacted]

Re airtel requested Cleveland to interview him to ascertain if they are identical. INS has been advised of possible identity and determination of identity is INS responsibility as it is using him as witness.

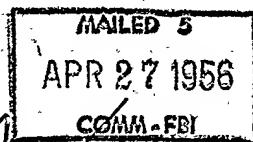
cc - (100-189510) ([redacted] and [redacted])

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53645)

RE : EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES.

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Buairtel 4/9/56.Referenced CV airtel was received at Los Angeles immediately
following dispatch of referenced airtel 4/21/56. The LA Office will
prepare a Blank Memo supplemental to that furnished by LA 4/21/56 on
[redacted] from data furnished by CV airtel 4/19/56.This CV info was furnished orally 4/23/56 to AUSA [redacted]
at LA. [redacted] advised that the Department had decided not to proceed
in the matters of US Vs. [redacted] and US Vs. [redacted]
[redacted] Etc., No. [redacted], due to inability to find sufficient adequate
witnesses.The LA Office, having already furnished USA at LA with partial
info on [redacted] is, in the interest of giving the USA at LA complete
info for reference in future cases where [redacted] may be contemplated as
a witness, giving the completed data as furnished by CV in the form of
appropriate Blank Memo.The CV Office is requested, if it cannot be resolved similarly
from the records available, to consider interviewing [redacted] upon
his appearance in CV at an INS hearing 4/30/56 as shown in referenced airtel
of 4/19/56, to determine if he is identical with [redacted] and [redacted]

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- 1 - Bureau (100-189510) [redacted]
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- 1 - Bureau (100-) [redacted]
- 2 - Cleveland (100-) (EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-10234) [redacted]
- 1 - Cleveland (100-) [redacted]
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DIRECTOR, FBI. Re: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES. 4/24/56.

[redacted] Alias [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] as set forth in referenced airtel from the Bureau, 4/9/56 and CV airtel 4/19/56. The disposition of the 10/2/30 arrest for neglecting minor child should be determined in the event of identity since a criminal record can affect the witness' credibility.

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cc: MR. BELMONT
~~ASST. SUPERVISOR~~
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• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 25, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR
APPEALING TO COMMUNISTS

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Probably the most devastating ideological blow to be dealt the American communist since the 1939 Stalin-Hitler Nonaggression Pact has been the effort of present Russian leaders to vilify Stalin. The 1939 Pact resulted in numerous Communist Party (CP) members abandoning the CP due to their inability to rationalize and accept that development. Disaffections also may be expected as a result of current denuding of Stalin. For decades Stalin had been lauded as the omniscient leader until he approached or attained the status of a deity in the mind of the American communist. The present desecration of Stalin is tantamount to sacrilege in minds of confirmed communists and has left them bewildered and confused in their thinking to the point where they may be in the process of mentally breaking away from the CP. Communist functionaries themselves have confessed consternation at this turn of events and are endeavoring to formulate a plausible explanation acceptable to the rank-and-file membership.

The Domestic Intelligence Division is capitalizing upon this development in interviews with top level communists in effort to develop potential informant material. As a consequence of a detailed study of these developments conducted in the Domestic Intelligence Division during the past several weeks, it was concluded that the time appears propitious for the Director to issue a statement similar to that which appeared in "This Week" magazine 11/1/53 captioned "Breaking the Communist Spell," copy of which is attached, appealing to present and former communists to cooperate with their Government. In this regard, a similar suggestion was made in the recently concluded conference on the development of security informants held in the Washington Field Office 4/23-24/56.

Also attached is a detailed suggested outline for this proposed article covering Stalin's rise to power, developments between death of Stalin (March, 1953) and Twentieth Congress, CP,

Enclosures

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Klemp
Mr. Doyle

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Soviet Union, (February, 1956) and a discussion of the Twentieth Congress itself. This outline also covers the impact of the Twentieth Congress on the CP, USA, the dilemma created by this Congress and various questions regarding problems facing individual CP members in evaluating current communist program on Stalin and reconciling the current position with past Party line. A suggestion is also included in this outline that the proposed article include an appeal to those who have erred by joining the Party in the past to now declare themselves as free men.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the dilemma confronting CP leadership at this time, it is recommended consideration be afforded to issuing another statement by the Director in accord with the attached suggested outline and the article, "Breaking the Communist Spell," appealing to communists to break their communist ties.

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ADDENDUM: LBN:fc, 4/26/56

I am in sympathy with the objective of the foregoing recommendation. However, it would be futile to try to put across an article on the basis of the attached outline. If an article is to be written, we must have new and fresh material and not something that has been rehashed in the press within the last few weeks. If we could develop antidotes from within the Communist Party, if we could tell the story of the struggle going on within the Communist Party and if we could tell of the change in the Communist Party line, then I think there might be some chance of getting an article published but even then the question that goes through my mind is whether or not we are getting out of our field and whether we might not have to clear such an article with the State Department.

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BREAKING THE COMMUNIST SPELL

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IN AMERICA today, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people, once duped by Communism, who have since broken with the Party. This article has been written in a sincere effort to reach them and enlist their help in wiping out the Soviet conspiracy which threatens our country.

With a few exceptions, most of the former Communists have remained silent. Here are some of the reasons: First of all, the individual may be fearful — either of revenge from the Communists or criticism by loyal Americans.

Then, in many cases, he may still be striving to break the bonds which have enslaved his mind. When one has believed that the course he wholeheartedly followed in the past was the right one, he cannot change everything overnight. The awakening may be slow and painful.

Which Duty?

AND, even when his eyes are fully open to the truth, he may feel that he cannot break silence. He may feel that he owes a duty to those persons whom he recruited or encouraged to join the Party. He may feel that his motives in joining the Party were good, that he never wilfully violated any law but rather was pursuing a course which he then considered noble. He cannot morally bring himself to the point of furnishing incriminating information about those former associates with whom he shared beliefs. Here he faces the test — the emotional struggle between his duty or sympathy to former associates, and his duty to his

country, humanity, and his God. What should he do?

The question is a moral one. Each ex-Communist must decide for himself where his duty lies. We of the FBI have known and talked with many who were going through this painful process of decision. Once his eyes are open, the ex-Communist sees the evils which Communism has forced upon individuals and nations. But at the same time, he may feel a sense of loyalty to those persons who, like himself, entered the Communist movement with certain ideals. They, like him, refused to accept passively the injustices and prejudices of their society. They gave themselves passionately and wholeheartedly to the movement which claims to be the only cure for the world's social and economic ills.

Can he now turn his back on his former associates and furnish information concerning their activities which may incriminate them? Can he now become an example of what he has been taught in the Party to hate — a "stool pigeon" and "informer"? The very idea may be morally distasteful to him.

On the other hand the ex-Communist has, through a slow, agonizing process of disillusionment, had the foundations of his faith shattered. He has come to realize that the Communist conspiracy stands for the social evils he deplored. If this conspiracy is successful in the achievement of its objectives, he and his friends and their children will be the tragic victims of the evils they erroneously thought they were fighting.

So now the ex-Communist faces this question:

Article by J. Edgar Hoover
Reprinted from This Week Magazine, November 1, 1953.

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Is he actually "protecting" his former associates by withholding the information he possesses? Or is he not in reality endangering them, as well as his family, himself and his society? His silence enables the Party to continue without detection its evil designs.

Where lies his higher loyalty — to his former Communist associates who, by their adherence to the Party line, willfully or unwittingly would destroy the freedom and liberties he cherishes? Or, to his country which, with its admitted imperfections, remains the ultimate hope of freedom among all nations of the world?

If the ex-Communist is sincere and has truly come to realize that the "good" cause to which he had formerly given himself is in fact an evil, his moral duty is clear. He must combat the evil principles and the evil consequences. These principles not only hold his friends in mental bondage; they are also constantly drawing new victims into the slave pit. The choice must be made.

A Big Weapon

THE ex-Communist holds in his hands weapons which can strike a mighty blow against a terrible evil. He inflicts a minor wound by leaving the Communist party. (Such a wound is partly healed with the addition of a new member to the Party.) But, when the ex-Communist withdraws and at the same time makes a full disclosure to the proper authorities, he does irreparable damage to the cause. He places his change of philosophy, conscience and action on the record. He is restoring himself to the ranks of good citizenship and is making amends for his wrongs against America resulting from his Party activities. He is protecting now and in the future his family and our way of life.

And the FBI needs his help. Citizenship carries with it certain

obligations. Some people, however, while claiming their rights, completely ignore their duties. This lack of responsibility is reflected in the attitude of those who say flatly: "It's the FBI's job to catch spies. Why should I tell them anything?"

The logic of such a person is like that of the man who sees an escaped leopard stalking his child and does nothing because it isn't his job to corral animals!

Menace Exposed

THOSE individuals who place information they have regarding the Communist conspiracy in the proper hands are making a contribution of great value to the security of their country. The events of the recent past bear witness to this fact.

The information given by former Communists has alerted the public to the terrible menace by exposing the very nature of the Communist underground and by revealing the manner in which the Communists operate. Such information has disclosed the frightening fact that some channels of public opinion have been infiltrated, and that some faculties of some educational institutions have been penetrated by Communists. Such information has enabled labor unions to learn of the conspirators' tactics and to thwart them. It has put the plain label of "Communist" on some party members who long served the conspiracy behind the respectable title of "liberal."

In similar fashion it ripped the cloak of innocence off numerous Communist fronts. Through first-hand experience the negative features of Communism are revealed and Americans, by contrast, gain a deep and humble appreciation of our free democratic way of life.

Former members of the Communist Party have testified before loyalty hearing boards regarding

individuals known to them as present or past members of the Communist Party. Others have presented information in hearings where individuals were seeking to become United States citizens, as well as in instances where the authorities had instituted denaturalization proceedings. The testimony of former Communists has been utilized in unmasking Communist individuals before Congressional Committees and in proving perjury in court.

But it is in the field of general intelligence information that former Communists have made their greatest contribution to the security of America. Data furnished by former Communists to the FBI has afforded a more detailed and enlarged picture of past Communist activities. This information serves further as a guide to the FBI not only in keeping abreast of subversive activity, but also in foreseeing and preparing against future plans of those who would destroy America.

Trip Old Members

THE Federal Bureau of Investigation would not have its broad knowledge of the formidable Soviet underground had it not been for numerous Communist defectors. Contributions of former Communist Party members to the security of the United States are obviously of the greatest present value. The full extent of those contributions may not be generally apparent until some time in the future. Information furnished by them on past membership in the Party often is as valuable as information on present membership, for this reason: the old member who may give every indication of having dropped out of the Party may actually be operating in an underground assignment.

The outraged cries of the Communists against defectors would

be humorous were the situation less serious. The Communists imply that the use of informants began with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and denounce the FBI for spying against them. They forget that spying has always been an integral part of Soviet life, and that American Communists apply this same principle within the Party. The Communists include secret entry and search of members' personal property, and reporting on the results of the search.

The individual contributions of former members of the Communist Party to the security of our way of life are shining examples of people who have recognized their mistakes and are doing all within their power to rectify them.

Deserve Respect

THESE people deserve the nation's respect, and their neighbors' fair-minded forgiveness for their past devotion to Communism. Their means of livelihood must be protected, and loyal Americans must accept their sincere repentance as a return to the full scope of citizenship. All great religions teach that the sinner can always redeem himself. Who, then, shall sit in judgment on the ex-Communist? Who dare deny him the promise held out to those who repent of the evil they have done and who try to make amends?

For our part, at the FBI, we have always sought to recognize the very real human and personal problems facing the ex-Communists who have come to our offices to make such amends. We have assured them, if they have asked us to keep their confidence, that all revelations will be regarded as confidential until they are willing — as they will be if their repentance is sincere — to use their knowledge as testimony in trials or loyalty hearings.

In discussing the ex-Communist, those who piously say that the leopard never changes its spots forget that they are speaking of human beings — mortal creatures with immortal souls. And those who say "Once a Communist, always a Communist" are simply advertising their ignorance. To deny that men can change is to deny the truths which have eternally guided civilized man.

"But," the shout is raised, "how can you believe an ex-Communist?"

The answer lies in the fact that many former Communists have been tested by vigorous cross examination. They have withstood critical observation. Those most interested in producing evidence which would contradict their testimony have failed to do so. On the other hand much of the testimony of ex-Communists

has been verified by corroborating evidence.

Cold War

TODAY there exists a bitter ideological conflict. The Communists themselves assert that the world is divided into two fundamentally different and opposing camps. Only one, they maintain, will survive. In a crisis we must face reality. With American freedom and the lives of American citizens at stake, where does the individual who has been drawn into the Communist net stand? He cannot be neutral. He is either for or against the United States.

If, having knowledge of persons and activities detrimental to his country, he breaks from the Party, yet maintains silence, he is still aiding the enemy. The moral obligation involved cannot be met by silence. The choice is simple: *help the United States*. The man who does this is preserving freedom under law. He is protecting the American way of life for free men and women — including his family and himself.

Now is the time for those who love America to step forward and be counted. Now is the time for those who erred and once joined the Communist cause to declare themselves. Now is the time for free men to do their part to retain our freedom.

The End

OUTLINE FOR PROPOSED ARTICLE BY DIRECTOR
REGARDING SOVIET DOWNGRADING OF STALIN

Suggested Title
Communist Self-criticism - Strength or Weakness?

I. BACKGROUND OF DOWNGRADING OF STALIN

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A. Stalin's Rise to Power

Began in 1924 through suppression of any elements threatening his control - completed domination through purges of 1930's. Consolidated and developed communism on nationalist basis within Soviet Union first. Led struggle against hostile political elements within U.S.S.R., principally Trotskyites, Zinovievites, right-wing opportunists, bourgeois nationalists. Cult of individual arose against background of Soviet successes in building socialism (communism), the victory in World War II, and the subsequent growth of Soviet international "prestige."

B. Developments Between Death of Stalin (March, 1953) and Twentieth Congress, CP, Soviet Union (February, 1956)

East Germany worker uprising, June, 1953. Fall from power and death of Lavrenti P. Beria and his clique in Soviet ministry of internal affairs. Demotion of Georgi Malenkov. Public confession of theoretical deviation by Molotov. U.S.S.R.'s changed attitude toward international communist leaders, such as Gerhart Eisler, Ana Pauker and Rudolph Slansky.

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C. Twentieth Congress, CP, Soviet Union

Attack on Stalin led by Nikita S. Khrushchev, first secretary, CP, Soviet Union. He charged Stalin with developing cult of individual, one-man decisions, making himself into an idol, overcentralization, fossilized foreign policy, distortion of theory and many other crimes against communist ideology. Anastas Mikoyan also criticized Stalin's theory that capitalist production must decline in present period.

II. IMPACT OF TWENTIETH CONGRESS ON CP, USA

Severe criticism of Stalin caught national leaders, CP, USA, totally unprepared. Serious questions as to propriety of such an attack on Stalin have been privately voiced by these leaders. Party has adopted stalling tactic to prevent premature commitment to wrong line on Stalin since full scope of attack was not immediately apparent to current CP, USA, leaders. A substantial number of lower level communists have also been questioning the correctness of the attack on Stalin and the validity of CP, USA, programs during period of Stalin's dominance.

III. DILEMMA CREATED BY TWENTIETH CONGRESS, CP, SOVIET UNION

Responsible Party officials have indicated that since Soviets abruptly switched line on Stalin, national leadership, CP, USA, have been left no quarter to which they may retreat.

Fear exists that they may be branded as Stalin was since they imitated, idolized and adulated his rule through CP, USA, defense of everything that happened in Soviet Union. Program of self-criticism, which has been described as a sign of strength because communists can openly discuss their deficiencies, has actually weakened the position of the CP, USA. Heretofore, the alleged utopian Soviet state was held up as an objective toward which American proletariat should strive. The downgrading of Stalin and confessions of errors in the international communist movement has removed this goal from American communists.

IV. QUESTIONS REGARDING PROBLEMS FACING INDIVIDUAL CP MEMBERS IN EVALUATING CURRENT CP PROGRAM ON STALIN AND RECONCILING CURRENT POSITION WITH PAST PARTY LINE

Proposed article at this point would set forth a series of detailed questions showing the contradiction, inconsistency, complete falsity of communist teachings. These questions would be similar in nature to material currently being utilized in connection with our Toplev Program. A representative number of these items are set forth below:

1. In view of the alleged historical infallibility of the communist movement, how did a leader like Joseph Stalin establish his one-man rule in the first place? Are any communist leaders infallible?

2. If criticism and self-criticism are supposed to be among the strongest features of Marxism-Leninism, why did not Joseph Stalin practice it himself? Why did not his own followers practice it?
3. Of what value are communist doctrines as a guide if Joseph Stalin could so effectively confound everyone without exception? You will recall that A. I. Mikoyan, at the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, said that Leninist principles have been neglected for twenty years! How could this happen to what is said to be a reliable guide?
4. Marxism-Leninism is supposed to give the utmost insight into historical processes. We are told history is moving inevitably toward communism. Communists say that men do not alter or determine the course of history. Yet, Joseph Stalin is accused of diverting and altering this fixed, inevitable process. How can this happen under communist leaders?

What is to prevent the present leadership from corrupting the doctrine in some manner similar to what Joseph Stalin is accused of having done?

5. For ten years, the Soviets have stressed that the United States is the aggressor in international affairs. Soviet leaders have pointed out errors that Stalin committed in conducting foreign relations. The present regime says that the Soviet Union was responsible at times for aggravating international tensions. Was the Communist press in the United States misled? Was the Party press incorrect in its statements? Does the Party here feel that it has also contributed to aggravating international tensions by repeating and applying the now condemned Stalinist policies? What reliance can be placed in the Party press?

6. In destroying Joseph Stalin's infallibility, is not the CP, Soviet Union, also destroying the infallibility of Mao Tse-tung, William Z. Foster, and other communist leaders who were supported in power by Stalin? Are not these followers of Stalin just as unorthodox as Stalin was? Should not their stature be reduced? Should not they be removed?

7. How can you account for the fact that N. S. Khrushchev, N. A. Bulganin, G. M. Malenkov, A. I. Mikoyan, and other Russian leaders, who are now condemning and destroying Stalin, were his closest and most trusted co-workers during his lifetime and time after time, before and after his death, voiced their admiration of and loyalty to him?

8. V. I. Lenin's writings clearly show the need for world revolution. Soviet leaders say they need to return to Leninism but they then advocate a peaceful path to socialism. How can this be done and still be consistent? Is not the advocacy of a peaceful road to socialism a return to the policies of the old Second International which communists have bitterly condemned for many years as a bogus form of socialism?

Additional valuable data in this regard is contained in the memorandum captioned "Security Interview Programs (Conversational Material)," copies of which were disseminated to the field for use in connection with the Toplev Program on 3/30/56.

V. CONCLUSION

The proposed article would conclude on a vein similar to that utilized in the article, "Breaking the Communist Spell," which appeared in "This Week" magazine, November 1, 1953, as follows: "Now is the time for those who erred and once joined the communist cause to declare themselves. Now is the time for free men to do their part to retain our freedom."

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Mr. Marquise

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

April 25, 1956

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 20, 1956, in which you were advised that denaturalization proceedings presently are pending in Los Angeles against the captioned individuals. The United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles advised that it also contemplates using [redacted] also known as [redacted] and [redacted]

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Inasmuch as [redacted] is a former Communist Party member, enclosed for your information is a summary memorandum concerning him. A copy of this memorandum is being made available to the United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles.

Enclosure

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3cc - Los Angeles (100-23184; 100-23212; 100-53645) (Enclosures - 2)
2cc - Cleveland (100-10234; 100-8865) (Enclosures - 2)
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ATTENTION: SACs, LOS ANGELES, CLEVELAND AND MIAMI

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 4/21/56 and Cleveland airtel to Bureau 4/19/56, both captioned "Ex-Communists as Witnesses." *ORW*

Enclosed for each office are two copies of a summary memorandum concerning [redacted]. Los Angeles should immediately furnish a copy of this summary memorandum to the United States Attorney's Office at Los Angeles.

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Miami and Cleveland each should advise its local INS office of the information contained in enclosed summary memorandum concerning [redacted] possibly may be identical to [redacted] FBI [redacted] who

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

YELLOW ONLY: Subjects on SI. USA. EA has requested central indices check on [redacted] inasmuch as he may be used as a witness in forthcoming denaturalization proceedings against [redacted]. This matter being handled pursuant to SAC Letter 55-40 (J). The substantive file of [redacted] and [redacted] contains no information re their activities furnished by [redacted]. The date and place of birth in Rhode Island of [redacted] apparently was obtained from an INS name check request as it appeared on the Bureau reply to INS. Although [redacted] reportedly was born [redacted]

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[redacted] Inasmuch as INS has been using [redacted] extensively as a witness, especially in the Cleveland area, Cleveland is being instructed to advise INS of the possibility that [redacted] FBI [redacted] may be identical to [redacted]. Miami has been given similar instructions inasmuch as he resides in that division and is interviewed on various occasions by INS in Miami.

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From SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-41725)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Re LA airtel to Bureau 4/4/56, which requested SF to advise Bureau and LA of any known information reflecting adversely on the credibility of [redacted] (an alternate spelling of subject [redacted] which has not previously been reported to the Bureau.

SF indices reflect that [redacted] was a Matnap suspect. The following are references reflecting investigation of [redacted] re Matnap, copies of which were sent to Bureau and LA:

Reports of SA H.J. BOBBITT, dated 1/18/39 and 11/10/38 at SF

Report of SA A.W. CANDLER, dated 6/14/39 at SF

Report of SA RALPH V. HARMON, dated 8/6/39 at SF

SF letter to Director, cc LA, dated 12/14/38, submitting fingerprints

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Bulet to SF, cc LA, dated 12/28/38, setting out criminal record

In addition to the above, SF indices reflect the following miscellaneous information:

By letter, dated 6/2/53, the SF District Director, INS. furnished this office with a transcript of an interview with [redacted] conducted under oath on 5/29/53 at SF.

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- 3 - Los Angeles (AM, REG.)
(100-53645)
(100-16551, [redacted])
- 1 - SF 100-37285 [redacted]
- 1 - SF 100-32500 (DEFECTED COMMUNISTS)
- 1 - SE 100-31189 (ILWU, Local 6)
- 1 - SF 100-41725 [redacted]

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Re: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

[redacted] was investigator and examining officer.
 [redacted] furnished the following personal background: Date and place of birth [redacted] present residence, [redacted] present employment, [redacted]

[redacted] admitted an arrest in 1927 in SF for "delinquency to a minor" and being placed on probation for one year. He also admitted an arrest in 1940 for "the same thing - delinquency" in SF, for which he was acquitted. [redacted] denied that the exact charge was attempted rape. Questions and answers concerning [redacted] criminal record are set out in the interests of accuracy:

"Q. Isn't it true the exact charge was 'Attempted Rape' rather than attempts to delinquency?

A. No, sir, it was 'Contributing to the Child's Delinquency.' It was a trumped up charge. This girl was caught with some other fellow and this other fellow was trying to break this Alaska Cannery Union, brought this charge because we beat him out of a job. Got this girl in court, somebody had been coaching her to testify she had been with me, to my place. The principal of the school brought the records and they showed the girl was in school the days she was supposed to have been with me. They found the other fellow, he was hiding and he was convicted.

Q. What was the other person's name?

A. [redacted]

Q. Where is he residing at the present time?

A. [redacted] He was found guilty. He was the one contributing to her delinquency. She was like one of the family, they coached her to say I was involved. The girl she lie when they ask what day did this occur. Called in the principal of the school and she stated that it was a lie, that little girl hadn't missed one day of school during that month.

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From SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

"Q. Irrespective whether or not you were arrested or convicted, have you ever been accused of any other acts which would subject you to criticism?

A. No, sir.

Q. During the various periods that you were employed in Alaska, were you ever accused of improper acts with any of the natives there?

A. Well, they accused, like I told you, up in Alaska I was giving the natives whiskey, but they didn't do anything to me. The natives signed an affidavit to the Union that it was a lie. That happened to this same party trying to bring trumped charges against me.

Q. Who placed those charges?

A. [redacted]

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Q. Were they merely charges brought before the Union?

A. That's all, yes, sir, a Union hearing.

Q. You were never tried in a court of law for these offenses?

A. Never, no, sir."

The following is quoted from the transcript pertaining to [redacted] terminating his CP membership:

"Q. Why did you terminate your membership in the Communist Party?

A. Well, because I didn't like the set-up.

Q. Can you explain more fully?

A. The reason I terminated up there, they held secret meetings like here in San Francisco, [redacted]

[redacted]
got up there started holding secret sessions of many members, bring up stuff outside of the membership which I didn't agree to, they wanted to force me to agree to them things. Like giving fishermen more protection than the laborers and [redacted] was always voting me down, sneaking around.

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"Q. In other words, you didn't agree with the Communist Party policies in relation to the union activities, is that correct?
 A. That's right."

On 8/16/44, [redacted] was interviewed by Customs Agent [redacted] at the Customs Building in SF regarding his possession, [redacted]

[redacted] of a bag of surgical instruments and three cases of cigarettes. A sworn signed statement was obtained which was witnessed by SA PAUL CULLINAN, FBI, a copy of which is in the SF files. [redacted] listed the following personal background: Residence, [redacted] date and place of birth. [redacted] The

[redacted], corroborated [redacted] statements by verifying that the crew purchased cases of cigarettes in foreign ports and that several cases of Army surgical instruments which had fallen overboard in unloading had been abandoned by the Army to members of the crew.

No action was taken by Customs and there was no evidence of a theft of government property.

By letter, dated 2/26/51, the SF District Director, INS, advised the SF Office that [redacted]

[redacted] A Petition for Naturalization was filed by him in the USDC, SF, on 10/9/42 and was dismissed at his request on 6/7/43. The letter indicated that [redacted] frequently attended CP fraction meetings with an informant and was probably still active at the time this information was given to INS.

SF files contain an investigative report of INS prepared by F.L. WILLIAMS, dated 5/22/53, captioned [redacted] San Francisco, California".

This report indicates that on 5/21/5[redacted] made a sworn statement at the INS Office in SF. [redacted] admitted membership in a CP fraction of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union from [redacted] indicated a willingness to testify, adding, however, that this might cause

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him trouble in his union, Local 6 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

[redacted] advised on 6/4/53 that [redacted] who
is employed as [redacted] b2
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[redacted] was formerly in the CP
and had been kicked out of the party by [redacted] in about
1945 or 1946.

SF files contain no additional information identifiable
with [redacted] which would adversely reflect upon his credibility.

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CC: MR. BELMONT
~~ANTICOMMUNIST~~
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM United States Government

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105) DATE: 4/18/56
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 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53645)
 SUBJECT: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Remylet dated 2/27/56, Bulets dated 3/14/56 and 3/7/56,
 my airtel to Bureau dated 4/4/56, Bureau airtel dated 4/11/56 and
 San Francisco airtel dated 4/12/56 //

The United States Attorney at Los Angeles has been
 furnished with the results of checks on the names //

possible witnesses in the cases of the United States vs PETER
 CHAUNT. Civil #15907-WM. United States vs //
 // possible revocation proceedings //

The United States Attorney at Los Angeles was also
 advised orally and in writing on 3/16/56 that the Departmental
 Committee on Security Witnesses had considered the cases of
 MAURICE MALKIN //

and // and had given MALKIN, //
 "restricted clearance" and // and // full clearance.

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RE: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

The United States Attorney at Los Angeles was advised as well that [redacted] is currently acting as a consultant to the Department of Justice. It was suggested to the United States Attorney WATERS, Los Angeles, that his request for clearance to use the above six ex-Communists, MALKIN through [redacted] be directed to the Internal Security Division of the Department.

The United States Attorney has been advised that he will be promptly furnished results of checks on the name [redacted]
[redacted] aka. [redacted] upon receipt at
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[redacted] has orally advised that he was arrested, spent several months in the Berrien County Jail, St. Joseph, Michigan, in [redacted] in connection with the state prosecution of national Communist Party leaders under the Michigan Syndicalism Statute; and he has also advised that he was arrested on several occasions in connection with Communist Party activities in New York and spent some time in the Tombs Jail in New York City in the [redacted].

[redacted] who was a member of the Communist Party, USA, from [redacted] did not testify against Communist Party members until [redacted] when he voluntarily appeared as a witness in a civil libel action in Detroit, Michigan, involving [redacted] has never appeared as a Government witness in the Smith Act Case, he has been used in proceedings of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service on several occasions in New York City and in other sections of the country.

A review of his file indicated that "an examination of the record at Ellis Island, New York, (in 1941) concerning the individual known as [redacted] shows that he has been variously referred to as [redacted] and [redacted]"

A further examination of this record (in 1941) revealed that [redacted] was still under \$500.00 bond; that a deportation warrant against him was outstanding at that time. It further indicated that [redacted]

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The above file at Ellis Island, New York, in 1941 contained an affidavit by [redacted] dated [redacted]

[redacted]
Therefore, his name is not [redacted] but [redacted]."
It was further indicated that testimony by [redacted] showed [redacted] as his birthplace although State Department records indicated [redacted].

[redacted] "Daily Worker" on page two carried an article captioned "FBI Stoolie Can't Remember Own Birthday" and stated in part: "A rattled Government witness in the Subversive Control Board hearing today presented an exhibition of snarling and finally reverted to loud shouting and passionate pleas for help as he became entangled in a net of his own falsehoods, during cross-examination....when quizzed by Vito Marcantonio, attorney for the Communist Party,.... Marcantonio asserted his examination of the witness showed either 'this man committed bigamy (in 1932) and if he did not commit bigamy he violated the Mann Act, and lied to this panel.'

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"[redacted] had told the hearing panel he was now a widower, that he left his wife and child in the Soviet Union and that he communicated with her and sent her money from 1932 to 1934 while he was living in Cleveland.

"The Witness' face turned a bright crimson when Marcantonio read from [redacted] testimony of last February in the International Workers Order liquidation trial, when he told of a wife he took from New York to Cleveland in 1932. Marcantonio showed that at the IWO trial the witness said he never communicated with his wife after he returned from Europe. The testimony shows, the lawyer stated, that he 'never was divorced from his first wife, and then married a second wife.'

[redacted] objected to the questioning. He claimed that his second marriage was a 'common law' affair. The Government lawyers objected, too. But Marcantonio kept prodding the witness and reminding the SACB panel that the witness had lied.

"Marcantonio recalled that the witness had no difficulty rattling off dates and alleged events in the history of the CP going back more than 30 years.

"'Your memory for dates is good?' the attorney asked....'You remember telling Mr. Paisley (William A. Paisley, Government attorney) you were born March 20, 1897?'....Marcantonio produced the transcript of the Butterworth case. The witness' jaw dropped when the attorney pointed to his testimony that he was born in 1898.

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"Marcantonio then turned to the transcript of the IWO trial, in which [redacted] stated he gave his birthday in an IWO membership application as March 20, 1893...."

Further review of the files of the Detroit Office has disclosed that in 1945 he claimed he was born in [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] His Selective Service file in 1945 indicated that his first wife went to Russia many years ago with his son and that his wife and son have never been permitted to leave Russia. [redacted]

[redacted]
"Washington Star" carried an article captioned "600 Clergymen Called Secret Communists." This article indicated that during July, 1953, [redacted] had testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and estimated that there were 600 clergymen in the United States who were secret member of the CP. Upon interview to determine the basis for this statement, [redacted] advised this was a result of research work he had done in the spring of 1953 and contained that "any clergyman who has been in their (CP) fronts during the zig-zags and flip-flops was a secret CP member." He mentioned on HARRY F. WARD whom he has known to have

remained in all the front groups throughout all the switches and flip-flops the CP has gone through since early 1920 but continued that he had no personal knowledge that any other clergymen were members of the CP.

[redacted] has never been a regular paid informant. He left the CP, USA, in 1934 and has never furnished any information concerning current activities of the CP. Records of the Detroit Office indicate that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

He testified in an immigration matter in Alexandria, Virginia, in October, 1955.

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He is generally willing to testify. However, during a recent physical examination given him by his Doctor, the Doctor asked [redacted] what created a nervous tension that was plainly visible and as a result of the examination.

[redacted] told the Doctor, that he has been a witness for the Government on many occasions, recalling his arduous trial he testified at in New York, which taxed his nerves and health. He stated that cross-examinations are very severe and nerve-racking, particularly the later publicity he receives from publications that are not complimentary of his efforts in the trial to assist the Government.

[redacted]
[redacted]

In addition to the above, the following excerpts from the "Daily People's World", West Coast Communist newspaper, are set out below:

that at McCarran hearings aimed at outlawing the Communist Party, [redacted] in an article stated

[redacted] a witness, was indicated as having conferred with another witness, BENJAMIN GITLOW in violation of hearing rules and separation of witnesses. This was described by this special article in the "Daily People's World, [redacted] as "collusion between witnesses."

[redacted] carried a further story of the Security Activities Control Board held at Washington b7D showing that [redacted] under cross-examination appeared confused as to his date of birth, which he reportedly gave with variation at different preceding trials or hearings and thus according to the article in the "Daily People's World" gave little reason for creditability in [redacted] testimony at the Control Board hearings on events in the Communist Party.

[redacted] "Daily People's World" on page 7 reported [redacted] in an article from Washington datelined May 24, 1951 as refusing to give full answers to questions asked by Panel Chairman CHARLES LA FOLLETTE and refused to apologize for his conduct when so ordered by the Chairman.

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[redacted] was born at [redacted]

[redacted] Almost immediately he was placed in the old International Workers of the World movement at Los Angeles as an undercover operator for the next three years. It was during this period that he met his later [redacted] although [redacted] was not in the International Workers of the World, the Communist Party or any other movement. In fact it was reported that it was probably due to their common hatred for Communism that they became interested in each other. [redacted] had reportedly a better than average education and some ability as a writer and began to assist [redacted] in preparing the reports he was submitting to the Police Department. Former Captain WILLIAM F. HYNES, Head of the Department's Anti-Subversive Detail, recognized the increased caliber of these reports and as a result learned of [redacted] ability. She thereafter agreed to HYNES's request that she go to work for the Police Department and on her own initiative she joined the Communist Party in 1927. At about the same time the International Workers of the World movement began to fade and the Communist Party began to rise in importance and accordingly [redacted] left the International Workers of the World and joined the Communist Party.

For the next seventeen years [redacted] remained in the Communist Party as police operators without being uncovered. Both rose through functionary posts and for years were important and highly-trusted members. It was for this reason that during the last ten years they were in the movement both were members at large and instructed by the Party not to attend any public gatherings. [redacted]

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[redacted] During the late 1930's [redacted] served as a mail drop between District Headquarters of the Party at San Francisco and the Los Angeles Section, as it was then called. They kept a post office box at Beverly Hills for this purpose.

About 1938 with the change in the State and local administrations, the Los Angeles Police Department was forced to put less emphasis on the subversive activities and the old so-called "Red Squad" of Captain WILLIAM F. HYNES was dissolved for all practical purposes. However, HYNES was able to keep informants undercover within the Communist Party until HYNES himself retired from the Department in 1942.

[redacted] felt they had contributed all they could to fight the Communist Party, and also because of his bad health they decided to disassociate themselves from Party activities without letting the Party leaders know. Accordingly they gradually became less active on the grounds of ill health and finally "disappeared" without having been uncovered.

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Throughout activities in the Communist Party the [redacted] used the Party names of [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. For security reasons they did not retain any Party records, directives or documents which came into their possession through their various functionary posts. However, all such records were copied and forwarded to Captain WILLIAM F. HYNES.

In addition to the above there follows some information from pages of the "Daily People's World", West Coast Communist newspaper.

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[redacted] People's World" the article indicated that [redacted] was a witness at the Mc Carren Act deportation hearings of an Armenian born KAREKIAN ANDEKIAN. The article closes with "The LaFollette Report published in 1942 contained Hynes's private employment while on release from the Police Department as a 'practice that cannot be too strongly condemned'." The report showed HYNES collected \$6,727.00 from Associated Farmers from February, 1935 to May, 1937, a small part going to undercover agents he employed. The Los Angeles Railway Company disbursed \$7,393.00 to HYNES in 1934 in connection with the strike which began in November, 1934.

[redacted] "Daily People's
World" on page six in an article captioned "Stoolie Tangles His Yarn" it is indicated that [redacted] testified in the deportation hearings on a Miss RUBY HYNES and the article described [redacted] b7D
testified in a "rasping, high-pitched voice rattling off testimony the government wanted but stumbling or suffering lapse of memory at questions of Miss Hynes's attorneys, Esther Shandler and Elsa Kievits."

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ANSWER The answer is (A). The first two digits of the number 1234567890 are 12.

[redacted] in the United States became identified with the Hungarian Workers Federation, an affiliate of the Communist Party and from [redacted] under the name of [redacted] pursuant to Communist Party policy, taught and advocated the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence and the setting up of a dictatorship of the proletariat under leadership of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] was active on the West Coast of the United States and nationally for the Communist Party and returned in 1931 to the Hungarian Buro of the Communist Party.

[redacted] "Uj Elore", the Hungarian Communist Party paper in Cleveland. He was later ordered by the Communist Party to Canada [redacted] and became a member of the Central Committee of the Canadian Communist Party doing organizational work on the prairie among Hungarians under the name of [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] visited Moscow on a Communist Party sponsored tour. Upon his return to New York and following a disagreement among top Communist Party membership relative to politics among the Hungarian element in the Party, [redacted] was transferred to the American Section of the Communist Party whereupon he resolved to quit the Communist movement. [redacted] has stated he has not been active in the Communist Party since [redacted] and his practical knowledge of the Party since that time has been from books, periodicals and newspapers. All the foregoing is from [redacted] own account of his activities in the Socialist and Communist movements.

It has been learned from Communist Party sources that [redacted] has in the past been termed financially irresponsible having had large personal loans from workers which he never paid back. This information from Communist Party sources has not been further specified or substantiated.

[redacted]
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[REDACTED] in a sworn statement made at San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Service Office, May 21, 1953, admitted membership in a Communist Party fraction of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union from [REDACTED] indicated a

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willingness to testify but added that this might cause him trouble in his union, Local 6 of the International Longshoremens and Warehousemens Union.

An informant of the San Francisco Office, who had furnished reliable information in the past on June 1, 1953, advised that [redacted] employed as [redacted]

[redacted] was formerly in the Communist Party and had been expelled from the Party by [redacted] in about [redacted]

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Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Dise

The Attorney General

May 2, 1956

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EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 2, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through May 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in categories three and four have been identified by name to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

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William F. Tompkins
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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *b6 b7c b7d* DATE: May 1, 1956FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *b6 b7c b7d*SUBJECT: ~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of May 1, 1956.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of May 1, 1956.

Enclosures *see 5-2-56*

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Figures apply as of May 1, 1956

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FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of May 1, 1956

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[Redacted]

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)
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- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)
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- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4
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- (12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2
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- (13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2
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- (14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)
[redacted]
- (15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial (Trial ended April 12, 1956) 3
[redacted] [redacted]
- (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations
- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)
[redacted]
- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1
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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband.

(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1

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(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1

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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case 2

[Redacted]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial (Trial ended October 12, 1954) 1

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2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

13

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for October 15, 3 1956)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(2) Emanuel Blum Membership Case (No trial date set) 1

[Redacted]
(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

(3) Michael A. Russo Membership Case (No trial date set) 1

[Redacted]

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

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[Redacted]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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[Redacted] [Redacted]

(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

19

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial (Prosecution not
authorized to date)

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[Redacted]

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(2) Third New York Trial (Trial started April 9, 1956) 1

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, 5
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) United Russian-American Committee 1
(Petition being considered)

(2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights: 2
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition being considered)

(3) Save Our Sons Committee 1
(Petition being considered)

(4) Philadelphia Women for Peace 1
(Petition being considered)

(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases 1
(Department considering case for prosecution)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

[redacted] (deceased)

(2) John Noto Membership Trial (Ended [redacted]) 2

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(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1

[redacted]

(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing in progress) 5

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. NICHOLS

MR. BOARDMAN

MR. BELMONT

EX-Communists as WITNESSES
Yesterday, Congressman Walter, of the House Un-American Activities Committee, called to see me.

Congressman Walter stated that he had recently named as head of the staff of his Committee Mr. Richard Arens, who has been serving with one of the Senatorial Committees. The Congressman stated that he had two matters which he wanted to specifically discuss with me.

He stated that he assumed that from time to time certain confidential informants of the Bureau being exposed in trials of Smith Act cases, denaturalization cases and appearances before the Subversive Activities Control Board thereafter became inactive as informants for the FBI in view of their exposure. He stated that he would like to have the cooperation of the Bureau in furnishing to him the identities of any such persons so that the Committee might consider calling such ex-informants and building hearings about such information as they may have already disclosed in judicial or administrative proceedings.

I told the Congressman that his assumption, of course, was correct and that the names of these persons had appeared from time to time in the press. He said he realized this but that many times his Committee would not note the names and for that reason he was hopeful that a list of such persons might be furnished to him and other names furnished in the future as the usefulness of the informants is at an end in so far as the FBI is concerned. I told him that I would have a check made of what names might be available. I pointed out to him that, of course, the names of some informants used in denaturalization proceedings would be a matter for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to pass upon and he said he understood that. I would, therefore, like to have a list of names of such informants with whom we are thoroughly through and who are of no more value to the Government so that we may forward the same to Congressman Walter.

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The second matter that the Congressman desired to take up was that of Judge Edgerton, of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Congressman stated that he had in mind calling Judge Edgerton before his Committee, and if the facts could be developed, having the Judiciary Committee look into the situation with a view to initiating impeachment proceedings against Judge Edgerton. The Congressman stated that he understood that Edgerton had been a member of a communist group in the District of Columbia after he, Edgerton, had become a Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. I inquired of the Congressman as to the identity of this organization and he stated that it had slipped his mind for the time being, but that he would look it up. The Congressman was desirous of receiving from us any information which might be furnished to him dealing with Judge Edgerton. I told Congressman Walter I would have our files looked into and see what, if any information might be available and then a determination would be made as to whether it could be supplied. Will you please have an appropriate summary made upon Judge Edgerton with an indication as to any material which should not be furnished to the Congressman because of its confidential character.

During the course of my conversation with the Congressman, he mentioned the fact that his Committee would shortly issue a pamphlet dealing with the views of prominent persons as to the meaning of the recent alleged change in the attitude of the Soviet Government on world relations. He stated this publication would be forthcoming shortly and he believed it would serve a useful purpose in establishing the fact that there has been no real change in the Russians' goal and intentions, but merely a deceptive change to apply to methods and tactics.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 7, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES IN SECURITY CASES~~

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Reference is made to the Director's memorandum dated 5/3/56 reflecting results of a conference with Congressman Walter. The Director requested that he be furnished with a list of names of informants with whom "we are thoroughly through and who are of no more value to the Government" in order that this list might be forwarded to Congressman Walter.

While a number of current informants have been exposed as witnesses in security trials and hearings, we do continue to conduct interviews with them from time to time following their exposure to obtain information in cases currently under investigation. These informants are frequently used as witnesses in subsequent trials and hearings. They are, however, publicly known and their identities could easily be learned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) by checking appropriate court records. There are certain individuals who have testified and who are not considered entirely reliable whose names have not been listed; for instance, [redacted]

[redacted] Matthew Cvetic, Harvey Matusow,

[redacted] The name of [redacted]

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Accordingly, there are attached two lists. List No. 1 is made up of former security informants who were currently active on behalf of the Bureau until they were exposed when they appeared as witnesses. They are listed on the basis of the cases in which they were originally exposed. List No. 2 is made up of witnesses

Attachments (2)

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Dusey

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at security trials, many of whom were also former security informants but were discontinued prior to their use as witnesses. Other individuals carried on List No. 2 were never operated as informants but have testified for the Government in security cases. This list is, however, not a complete list of such witnesses. It is based on immediately available data and includes those names which came to mind in the preparation of this material. To prepare a complete list of this character would require an exhaustive review of all security cases and hearings in which the Bureau has participated. In view of the time-consuming nature of such a project, we have confined this material to immediately available data.

OBSERVATIONS:

The names of the persons on the attached lists have been available to the HCUA through press reports on trials and hearings. Although we cannot say we are finally through with any of them, it is believed we can furnish these lists to Congressman Walter without serious injury to our work, since all of these persons have been publicly identified. We can never be certain when an informant's usefulness to the Bureau and Government has finally terminated.* Should the lists be furnished to the HCUA, it is believed well to incorporate a precautionary footnote to the effect that in some instances where these witnesses were used the cases have not been finally adjudicated and a check should be made with the Department prior to their use as witnesses. Addresses of the informants are not being included since, to be absolutely certain of up-to-date information, we would have to check with the field offices where the informants reside.

ACTION:

Provided you approve, the attached lists are prepared for consideration in connection with Congressman Walter's request.

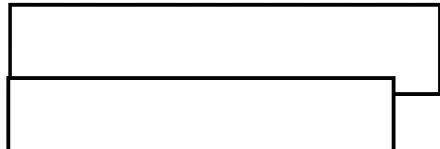
* We have also found in the past that former confidential informants in testifying before committees, because of their extensive knowledge of Communist Party (CP) activities, have identified current informants as members of the CP and this has posed a problem.

LIST NO. 1

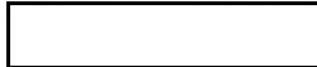
CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
EXPOSED AS WITNESSES IN SECURITY CASES

1. SMITH ACT TRIALS

a. First New York Trial



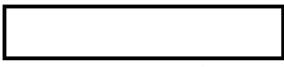
b. Baltimore Trial



c. Los Angeles Trial



d. Pittsburgh Trial



e. Seattle Trial



f. Philadelphia Trial



g. St. Louis Trial



h. Detroit Trial



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i. Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial

j. Junius Scales Membership Trial

k. Denver Trial

l. Cleveland Trial

m. New Haven Trial

n. Albert Blumberg Membership Trial

o. John Francis Noto Membership Trial

2. SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD (SACB) HEARINGS
RE FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

a. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

b. Labor Youth League

c. Civil Rights Congress

3. LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT CASE

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Everett Melvin Hupman Case

4. NATIONALIST PARTY OF PUERTO RICO TRIAL

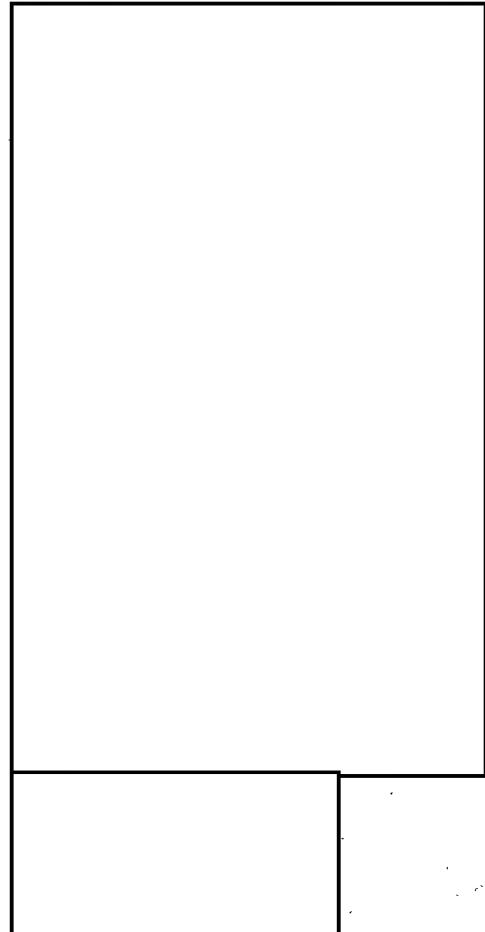
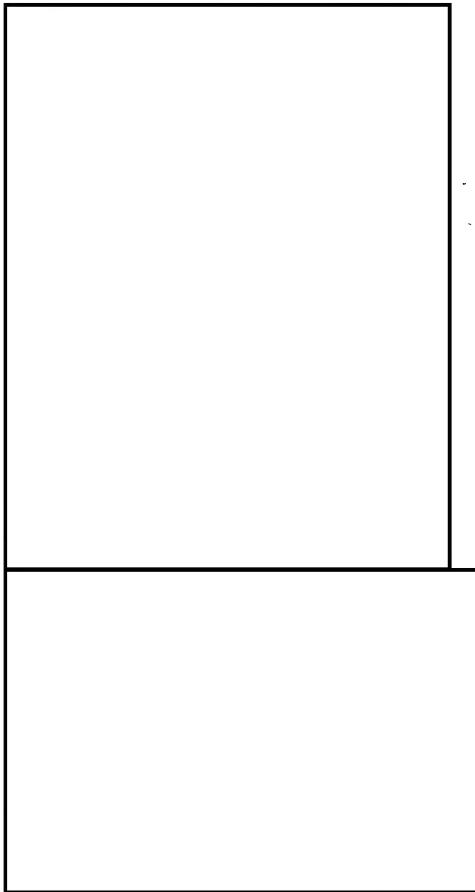
NOTE:

Some of the above cases have not been finally adjudicated. Informants exposed as witnesses at these trials should not be used as witnesses in other matters without prior clearance from the Department of Justice.

LIST NO. 2

OTHER WITNESSES, SOME OF WHOM WERE PREVIOUSLY DISCONTINUED
FBI INFORMANTS WHO APPEARED IN SECURITY TRIALS

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NOTE:

Some of the persons named above appeared as witnesses in cases which have not been finally adjudicated. Persons exposed as witnesses at these trials should not be used as witnesses in other matters without prior clearance from the Department of Justice.

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 2, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through June 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in categories three and four have been identified by name to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

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2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
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2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
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See memo Belmont to Boardman 6-1-56, EBR:pat, entitled as above.

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Figures apply as of June 1, 1956.

<u>1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
(a) Smith Act Trials	41
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations	4
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials	1
<u>2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a) Smith Act Trials	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	5
<u>3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	29
(a) Smith Act Trials	8
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	6
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	9
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	4
<u>4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	10
(a) Smith Act Trials	4
(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL)	5
(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	1
<u>5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAIL- ABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>	9
(a) Smith Act Trials	1
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	4
(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	4
<u>6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	38
(a) Smith Act Trials	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	3
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	3
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	12

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(a) Smith Act Trials	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	277
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions ..	37
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	30
(g) Denaturalization Cases	2
(h) Espionage Cases	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America	9

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I. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949)

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952)

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952)

4

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953)

3

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953)

4

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954)

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954)

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954)

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial (Ended January 26, 1955) 2
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- (1) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations
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- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1
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- *Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husbands.

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(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended
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(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended
April 11, 1956)

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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

2

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

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2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for
October 15, 1956)

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(2) Boston Smith Act Trial
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio
and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing
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(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case 1
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(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs 2
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955)

[redacted]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America 4
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1
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29

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial (Prosecution not authorized to date)

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(Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB)

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- (2) Third New York Trial (Trial started April 9, 1956)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee (Petition being considered)

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- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights: Connecticut Peace Council (Petition being considered)

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- (3) Save Our Sons Committee (Petition being considered)

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(4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Petition being considered)

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(5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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(6) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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(7) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

2

(e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

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- (2) John Noto Membership Trial 2
(Ended April 12, 1956)
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- (3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1
- [Redacted]
- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League 5
(Hearing in progress)
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- (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild 1
(Petition being considered)
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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: May 29, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT: ~~X MONETARY REWARDS TO FORMER
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INQUIRY OF U. S. CONGRESSMAN
LAURENCE CURTIS

*Ex-Communists As
Witnesses*

In accordance with the Director's request for information regarding monetary rewards to discontinued security informants, which matter was telephonically discussed by the Director with Congressman Laurence Curtis on May 28, 1956, the following is set forth:

One of the informants referred to is [redacted]

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In view of the unique and varying circumstances of the assistance rendered by private citizens and confidential informants the Director has felt that it would be most difficult to make monetary awards equitably without creating dissatisfaction among the many valuable and essential informants who, because of their families, employment, social background and associates, would never permit their association with the CP to become known and, therefore, would be unable to accept such an award. Assurance is also given the inquiring official that with regard to the granting of recognition to any individual for service to the Government, all possible assistance within the limitations of the Bureau's jurisdiction is and has been rendered to individuals who have been functioning on behalf of the Bureau in such situations.

Regarding the idea of Congressman Curtis that former informants could probably perform a useful service by going about the country speaking and helping to educate the public to the dangers of communism, it is felt that his idea has merit, but that there are certain objections in that former informants, no longer under the close control exercised over them while they were serving as Bureau informants, may give way to public acclaim and may exaggerate their past activities, thereby creating undesirable situations from the standpoint of the welfare of the country and the proper and careful handling of investigations in the field of security. In certain cases, such as with [redacted] much has no doubt been done to educate the public to the dangers of communism and certain other qualified former informants could possibly be as successful as [redacted]. It is felt, however, that any

Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

success in this field of endeavor depends on the individual's motives, personality and ability to adhere strictly to facts. Individuals who wish to commercialize on their former informant status with the Bureau and who use their imaginations freely would no doubt do more harm than good.

OBSERVATIONS:

There may have been other ex-informants in the Boston area who were confronted with similar financial problems but whose problems have not been brought to the Bureau's attention. We have thousands of discontinued informants and to administer fairly and equitably any program for such compensation would meet with considerable difficulty. Bureau files contain no information indicating Congressman Laurence Curtis is other than friendly toward the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

Subject to your approval, there is attached a letter to Congressman Laurence Curtis reflecting the above observations.

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AS M.L.C.*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: 5/10/56

SUBJECT: Ex-Communists as WITNESSES

The attached note from Fred Woltman sending a copy of an article which appeared in the New York World-Telegram on 5/3/54, refers to a rather difficult situation wherein George Hewitt, a former communist, testified for the Government and after his death, had social security taxes based upon a period when he was on the communist payroll deducted from payments to his children.

In this connection, Irving Ferman, Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, called and referred to the article stating that this would probably discourage former communists from cooperating. He suggested that some steps might be taken not to invoke a deduction in cases of former communists who have helped the Government. The Domestic Intelligence Division might give this consideration.

Enclosure
 cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 1, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: ~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~

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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of June 1, 1956.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of June 1, 1956.

Enclosures sent 6-6-56

cc Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. Donohue

Mr. Reddy

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of June 1, 1956

<u>1.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
(a)	Smith Act Trials	41
(b)	Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations	4
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.	1
<u>2.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a)	Smith Act Trials	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	5
<u>3.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	29
(a)	Smith Act Trials	8
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	6
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	9
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(e)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	4
<u>4.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	10
(a)	Smith Act Trials	4
(b)	Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).	5
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	1
<u>5.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHO HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS:</u>	9
(a)	Smith Act Trials	1
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	4
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	4
<u>6.</u>	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	38
(a)	Smith Act Trials	15
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	3
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases	5
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.	3
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases	12

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

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(a) Smith Act Trials	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	277
(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	37
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	30
(g) Denaturalization Cases	2
(h) Espionage Cases	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America	9

Identities Given	110
Inquiries Pending	471
Total	581

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of June 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

48

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949)

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952)

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952)

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953)

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953)

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(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954)

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954)

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954)

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(9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

(10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)

(11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

(12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2

(13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2

(14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)

(15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial 3
(Ended April 12, 1956)

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

(1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended) 1

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband.

(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1

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(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1

[Redacted]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case 2

[Redacted]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial (Trial ended October 12, 1954) 1

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2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for October 15, 1956) 3

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(2) Boston Trial (No trial date set) 2

[Redacted]

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case (No trial date set) 1

[Redacted]

(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

- (4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case 1
(No trial date set)

[Redacted]
(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Council on African Affairs 2
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

[Redacted]

- (c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America 4
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

[Redacted]

- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

[Redacted]

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not
authorized to date)

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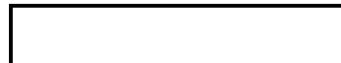
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(2) Third New York Trial (Trial started April 9, 1956) 1



(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (Petition filed December 20, 1955) 6



(Also interviewed in Max Weiss Smith Act Case)

(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

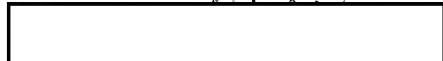
(1) United Russian-American Committee (Petition being considered) 1



(2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights; Connecticut Peace Council (Petition being considered) 2



(3) Save Our Sons Committee (Petition being considered) 1



(4) Philadelphia Women for Peace (Petition being considered) 2



(5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc. (Petition being considered) 1



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- (6) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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- (7) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered)

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- (d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases
(Department considering case for prosecution)

[Redacted]

- (e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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[Redacted]

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES

10

- (a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

[Redacted]

(deceased)

- (2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

[Redacted]

- (3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1

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- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing in progress)

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(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Reddy

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X) The Attorney General July 3, 1956

Director, FBI

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 4, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through July 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved. The informants in categories three and four have been identified by name to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

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2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures - 2)

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
(With Enclosures - 2)

See memo Belmont to Boardman, dated 7/3/56, entitled as above.
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The Attorney General referred to the memorandum which he received from the Bureau dealing with the concern of certain confidential informants as to the disclosure of their identities to lawyers of the Department interviewing them initially in contemplation of their ultimate use as witnesses in Smith Act cases and matters growing therefrom. The Attorney General stated that he shared my views in this matter that henceforth we need not disclose the true identity of the informant to the interviewing lawyers until such time as a final decision had been reached to use such informant as a witness in a public hearing or trial.

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The Attorney General

June 13, 1956

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Mr. Donohue

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FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Whenever we receive a request from the Department to make a current confidential informant available for interview by Departmental attorneys as a possible witness, the necessary arrangements are made with the informant who is thereafter interviewed and his true identity made known to the Departmental attorneys. This procedure is being followed in view of previous critical comments by Departmental personnel relative to concealing the identities of these potential witnesses at the time of interview.

During their development our informants are continuously impressed with the necessity of maintaining a confidential relationship with this Bureau while they are furnishing information. Secrecy is essential to the successful operation of informants. On several occasions after being introduced to Departmental attorneys by their true names informants have indicated that they feel their security is jeopardized by this disclosure which is made while they are still operating in an undercover capacity. Our informants have shown particular concern in cases where this disclosure is made months before it is determined they will actually testify.

Despite the effect which this procedure is having on our current confidential informants, we will continue to furnish the true identities of our informants to Departmental attorneys who interview them as potential witnesses.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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See attached memo Belmont to Baumgardner
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NOTE ON YELLOW

In memo to Boardman dated May 31, 1956, captioned "Training of Bureau Personnel in the Development and Handling of Security Informants," a series of recommendations was made growing out of field conferences on this problem. One such recommendation was to the effect that the Attorney General be advised that a number of our informants are concerned because their true names are furnished to Departmental attorneys during interviews when the informants are being considered as potential witnesses. This recommendation was approved.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 28, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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MR. BRANIGAN

RAUMGARDNER

The field is currently operating under instructions that in connection with pretrial interviews in security cases, current confidential informants are to be introduced to Government attorneys under their true names. At a recent series of conferences on security informants, representatives of several field offices pointed out that certain current informants had expressed great concern at being identified to Government attorneys while they, the informants, were still operating under cover. The field representatives pointed out that in many instances several months lapse before the informant actually testifies and in some instances an informant who has been identified to Government attorneys does not testify at all.

By letter dated June 12, 1956, this situation was pointed out to the Attorney General and, on June 26, 1956, the Attorney General ruled that in the future, when Department attorneys desire to interview current Bureau informants as potential witnesses, they are not to be furnished the true identities of these informants.

Although the Attorney General did not comment on exactly when the informant's true name should be divulged to Government attorneys, there appears to be no necessity of taking this action until just before the informant appears before a grand jury or at a trial. Any problems arising in a particular case should be submitted to the Bureau.

ACTION:

If you approve, the attached SAC Letter should be transmitted to the field changing the existing instructions.

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 cc Boardman
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 26, 1956

Mr. Boardman has been instructed that the Attorney General has ruled that in the future when Departmental attorneys desire to interview Bureau informants as possible witnesses, that they are to be permitted to interview them but are not to be furnished the true identities of these informants.

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DEAR SIR.

I am enclosing an article appearing in the New Haven Register, New Haven Conn some weeks ago. The article is attributed to Sen Brush and is an appeal to Congress to support in some way or manner those who have acted against the Communist conspiracy.

I brought this article and subject before my club
and suggested an appropriate award to the counter
agents named ^{INDEXED - 93} in the article.
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Before any action is to be taken it was
generally agreed to check with your office on
the names listed as counter agents cooperating
with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to have
verification and perhaps your approval.

Bush Urges Vets. Support U. S. Witnesses In Red Trial

WASHINGTON (P)—Sen. Bush (R-Conn.) has appealed to veterans organizations in Connecticut to give "sympathetic support" to five witnesses who testified for the government in the recent Smith Act trials in New Haven.

In identical letters to the heads of the organizations, Bush said Simon S. Cohen, U. S. attorney for Connecticut, recently called to the senator's attention "the despicable campaign of vilification and harassment conducted by the Communist Party against certain government witnesses" in the trials.

Red Leaders Convicted

The witnesses, four men and one woman, testified for the government in the trials which resulted in conviction of six Communist leaders in the state on charges of conspiracy to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the Federal Government.

Bush said Miss Rowena Faumi and Harold Kent of Bridgeport, Harold and Worden Mosher of Hamden and Anthony Pires of Hartford, worked for several years within the Communist Party at the request of the FBI.

"Their work as counter-agents against the Communist conspiracy," Bush said, "was undertaken at great personal sacrifice and with very little reward."

Attacks Continue

"Mr. Cohen advises me that the Communists and their sympathizers are continuing their efforts to discredit these people at their places of employment, and also in their social and professional fields."

"These efforts must be resisted . . . the people of Connecticut and of the United States owe a heavy debt of gratitude to the loyal citizens, who, at considerable discomfort and personal risk, worked for the FBI within the Communist Party in order to be able to expose its insidious purposes."

New Haven Register
New Haven, Connecticut

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I have received your letter of July 6, 1956, with enclosure, and deeply appreciate the interest prompting you to communicate with me in this regard.

While we in this Bureau fully realize the great debt of gratitude owed to those individuals who at considerable personal sacrifice have aided their Government in reporting information concerning those who would undermine our way of life, it has been necessary for the FBI to adopt a policy of declining to comment upon recommendations such as you mentioned. As information in the files of the FBI is confidential and may not be disseminated for other than official purposes, I am also precluded from furnishing any information on the persons to which you refer.

You will, I am sure, understand the circumstances which make it impossible for me to be of help.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

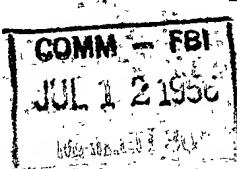
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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Director of F.B.I.
 Herbert Hoover
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Before any action is to be taken it was generally agreed to check with your offices on the names listed as counter agents cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to have verification and perhaps your approval.

Semper Fidelis

/s/

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 3, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~

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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of July 1, 1956.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4. The true names of these informants are, however, known to the Departmental attorneys who interviewed them in the field.

ACTION:

For memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of July 1, 1956.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of July 1, 1956

<u>1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
(a) Smith Act Trials	41
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations	4
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials	1
<u>2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a) Smith Act Trials	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	2
(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	5
<u>3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	31
(a) Smith Act Trials	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	6
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	9
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	2
(e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	6
(f) Perjury Cases	1
<u>4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	10
(a) Smith Act Trials	4
(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL)	5
(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	1
<u>5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>	7
(a) Smith Act Trials	1
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	4
(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild	2
<u>6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	40
(a) Smith Act Trials	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	5
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	3
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	12

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

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(a) Smith Act Trials	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations	280
(c) Administrative Hearings Re Independent Socialist League	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions	37
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases	35
(g) Denaturalization Cases	2
(h) Espionage Cases	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America . . .	9

Identities Given	110
Inquiries Pending	<u>481</u>
	<u>591</u>

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Figures apply as of July 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

48

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

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(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

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(9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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(10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
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(11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

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(12) Cleveland Trial (Ended [Redacted]) 2

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(13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial 3
(Ended April 12, 1956)

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(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

(1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

[Redacted]

(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1

[Redacted]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husbands.

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(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1
[redacted]

(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1
[redacted]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case (Trial ended January 15, 1954) 2
[redacted]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial (Trial ended October 12, 1954) 1
[redacted]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS: 14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for October 15, 1956) 3
[redacted]

(2) Boston Trial (No trial date set) 2
[redacted]

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case 1
(No trial date set)
[redacted]

(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

- (4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(No trial date set)

1

[Redacted]
(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

2

[Redacted]

- (c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

4

[Redacted]

- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

1

[Redacted]

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

31

- (a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not
authorized to date) 7

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(Also
interviewed for
"California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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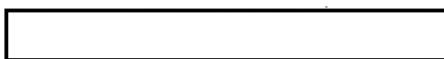


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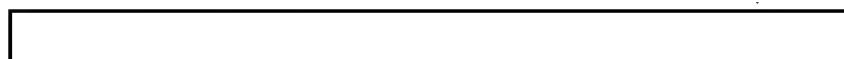
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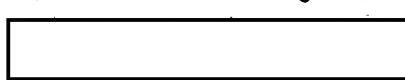
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- (3) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition being considered)

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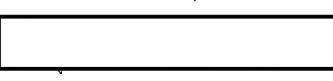
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(Petition being considered)

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- (5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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- (6) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

1



(7) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered)

1

[Redacted]

(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases
(Department considering case for prosecution)

2

[Redacted]

(e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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[Redacted]

(f) Perjury Trial (Harvey Matusow)

1

[Redacted]
(No trial date set)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES

10

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

[Redacted] (deceased)

(2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

2

[Redacted]

(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1

[Redacted]

(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing in progress)

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(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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The Attorney General

August 2, 1956

Director, FBI

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FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 3, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through August 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved.

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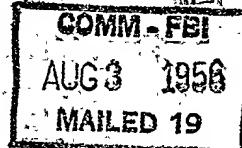
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(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	41
(b)	Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1
2.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	5
3.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	30
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	6
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
(e)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.....	6
(f)	Perjury Cases.....	1
4.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	11
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	4
(b)	Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.....	1
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	1
5.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTER- VIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>	7
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	1
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.....	2
6.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESS:</u>	42
Tolson	Smith Act Trials.....	15
Nichols	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	5
Boardman	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	5
Belmont	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	3
Mason	Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14
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POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE
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(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	291
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	38
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	35
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America.....	9

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1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

48

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949)

6

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952)

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952)

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953)

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953)

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(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954)

2

[Redacted]

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954)

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954)

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(9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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(10) Junius Scales Membership Trial
(Ended April 21, 1955)

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[redacted]
(11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955)

4

[redacted]
(12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

2

[redacted]
(13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

2

[redacted]
(14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial
(Ended March 7, 1956)

1

[redacted]
(15) John Francis Note Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

3

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

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(1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

1

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(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended
April 28, 1954)

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husbands,

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(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955)

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(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956)

1

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hubman Case
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

2

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

1

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for October 15, 1956)

3

(2) Boston Smith Act Trial
(No trial date set)

2

(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SAGB)

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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(4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case 1
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs

(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955) 2

[REDACTED]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America 4

(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

[REDACTED]

(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1

(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

30

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

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authorized to date) 7

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America 6
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee 1
(Petition being considered)

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- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights; 2
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition being considered)

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- (3) Save Our Sons Committee 1
(Petition being considered)

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- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace 2
(Petition being considered)

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- (5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)

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- (6) Sons of Columbus, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)

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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case
(Trial Set for August 27, 1956)

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(2) Bruno Maze Case
(Prosecution being considered)

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- [redacted]
(e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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[redacted]

- (f) Perjury Trial (Harvey Matusow)

1

[redacted] (No trial date set)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

11

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

1

[redacted] (deceased)

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- (2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

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- (3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

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(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing concluded July 1956. No decision.)

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(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

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(1) Palo Alto Peace Club (Petition being considered)



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(K) SECURITY INFORMANTS - RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES -- Reference is made to SAC Letter 55-36, Section O, captioned "Pretrial Interviews with Current and Discontinued Informants by Department Attorneys in Security Cases." The above includes the instruction that in connection with pretrial interviews in all security-type cases, current confidential informants are to be introduced to Government attorneys under their true names.

During the recent series of conferences on security informants, it was pointed out by representatives of several field offices that current informants who had been introduced to Government attorneys by their true names in connection with pretrial interviews had expressed considerable concern over their security, particularly since the interviews were conducted months before the trial began and, in some instances, the informant was never called upon to testify.

This situation was brought to the Attorney General's attention and the Attorney General ruled that in the future, Government attorneys are not to be furnished the true identities of current confidential informants when they interview these informants as potential witnesses.

Although the Attorney General did not comment on exactly when the informant's true name should be divulged to Government attorneys, there appears to be no necessity for advising Government attorneys of an informant's true identity until just before the informant appears as a witness before a grand jury or at a trial. As in the past, the Bureau will make every effort to preclude the use of current informants as witnesses before grand juries.

Any problems arising in a particular case should be immediately referred to the Bureau.

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DATE: August 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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On 4-30-56 the U.S. Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case of the Communist Party of the United States of America, Petitioner vs. Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) back to the Board. The purpose of the remand was to make certain that the Board based its findings upon untainted evidence and to that end the Court stated a hearing could be held to ascertain whether the testimony of Harvey Matusow, Manning Johnson and Paul Crouch was tainted or the Board could assume the truth of the Communist Party's allegations against these three witnesses and without further hearing expunge their testimony from the record. In either event the Court said the Board must then reconsider its original determination in the light of the record as freed from the challenge regarding the tainted testimony.

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On 5-21-56 the Communist Party filed three motions with the SACB. In the first motion the Communist Party attempts to prove that it is no longer a communist action organization within the meaning of the Internal Security Act of 1950. The second and third motions questioned the testimony of Benjamin Gitlow, Louis Budenz, [redacted] and [redacted]

ENCLOSURE One 7-12-56 these motions were argued before the Board.

On 8-10-56 the Board, on an order issued by its Chairman Thomas J. Herbert, a copy of which is attached, ruled that it was given clear alternatives by the Supreme Court of either reopening the hearing pursuant to Section 104 of the Act to receive additional evidence concerning the credibility of the Attorney General's witnesses, Matusow, Johnson and Crouch, or by assuming the truth of the allegations made in the Party's affidavits which accompanied its motion and expunging the testimony of the aforementioned witnesses without further hearing. The Board then decided that, since neither party had indicated any desire to present evidence concerning the credibility of these witnesses in preference to having the Board expunge their testimony, and taking into account that the public interest favors proceedings to a final resolution of this case, the Board proceeded upon remand with respect to the three witnesses by expunging their testimony and reconsidering the Board's determination on the record as expunged.

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Memorandum, Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman

The Board stated that the parties will be notified at a later date of the Board's action on the Communist Party's request, filed 5-18-58, to argue the sufficiency of the evidence upon deletion of the testimony of Matusow, Johnson and Crouch. The Board was of the opinion that the reopening of the hearing to take the additional testimony set forth in the motions filed by the Party on 5-21-58 was beyond the authority granted to the Board by the U.S. Supreme Court order of 4-30-58. The Board commented, however, that it would assume that it had authority to rule on the motions as it may serve a useful purpose in the future course of the proceedings.

In regard to the Party's first motion, the Board ruled that to permit the status of a respondent once litigated in a full hearing to be relitigated because of evidence transpiring while the case is undergoing the lengthy judicial review procedures would result in endless litigation and would never come to fruition. The Board further stated that the Act itself in Section 13 provides a remedy for an organization in that it can register under the Act and then show its changed status. In regard to motions two and three the Board in effect said that ample opportunity had been presented to the Communist Party to challenge the testimony of the five witnesses during the course of previous litigation and judicial review.

ACTION:

None. This memorandum is submitted for your information. No action is indicated here pending the reconsideration by the Board of the record as expunged of the testimony of witnesses Matusow, [redacted] and Crouch.

[Handwritten signatures and initials follow]

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: August 1, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of August 1, 1956.

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The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4.

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of August 1, 1956.

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cc Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Reddy

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of August 1, 1956

1.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	41
(b)	Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1
2.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	5
3.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	30
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	6
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
(e)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	6
(f)	Perjury Cases.....	1
4.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	11
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	4
(b)	Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	1
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	1
5.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED</u>	7
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	1
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	2
6.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER- VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:</u>	42
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	15
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	5
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	5
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	3
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64	453
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	291	
(c) Administrative Hearing Re 'Independent Socialist League'.....	1	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	38	
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12	
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	35	
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2	
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1	
(i) Administrative Hearing Re 'Socialist Union of América'..	9	

Identities Given	110
Inquiries Pending	495
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of August 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

48

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949)

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[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952)

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[Redacted]

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952)

4

[Redacted]

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953)

3

[Redacted]

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953)

4

[Redacted]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954)

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[Redacted]

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954)

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954)

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial (Ended January 26, 1955) 2
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- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial (Ended April 21, 1955) 1
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- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4
[redacted]
- (12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2
[redacted]
- (13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2
[redacted]
- (14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial (Ended March 7, 1956) 1
[redacted]
- (15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial (Ended April 12, 1956) 3
[redacted]
- (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations
- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (Hearing ended December 6, 1954) 1
[redacted]
- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1
[redacted]
- *Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husbands,
[redacted]

(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1
[Redacted]

(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1
[Redacted]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case (Trial ended January 15, 1954) 2
[Redacted]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial (Trial ended October 12, 1954) 1
[Redacted]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS: 14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for October 15, 1956) 3
[Redacted]

(2) Boston Trial (No trial date set) 2
[Redacted]

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case (No trial date set) 1
[Redacted]

(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

(4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(No trial date set)

1

[Redacted]
(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs

2

(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

[Redacted]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

4

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America

(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

[Redacted]

(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

1

[Redacted]

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

30

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not
authorized to date)

7

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(Also
interviewed for
"California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical 6
Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

(Also interviewed in
Max Weiss Smith Act
Case)

(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee 1
(Petition being considered)

- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights: 2
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition being considered)

- (3) Save Our Sons Committee 1
(Petition being considered)

- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace 2
(Petition being considered)

- (5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)

- (6) Sons of Columbus, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)

(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case
(Trial set for August 27, 1956)

1

(2) Bruno Maze Case
(Prosecution being considered)

1

(e) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

6

(f) Perjury Trial (Harvey Matusow)

1

[Redacted] (No trial date set)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

11

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

1

[Redacted] (deceased)

(2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

2

(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

1

(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing concluded July 1956. No decision) 5



(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild 1
(Petition being considered)



(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations 1

(1) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered)



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The Attorney General

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~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~

Reference is made to my memorandum dated August 2, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through September 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved.

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cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
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cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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See memorandum Belmont to Boardman dated 9/4/56 entitled as above, EBR:bew.

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(9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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(10) Junius Scales Membership Trial
(Ended April 21, 1955)

1

(11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955)

4

(12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

2

(13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

2

(14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial
(Ended March 7, 1956)

1

(15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

3

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

(1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

1

(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended
April 28, 1954)

1

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husbands,

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(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955)

1

(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956)

1

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

2

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

1

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for October 15, 1956)

3

(2) Boston Trial (No trial date set)

2

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case
(No trial date set)

1

Henrietta Chandler
(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

(4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(No trial date set)

1

[REDACTED]
(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs

2

(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

[REDACTED]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America

4

(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers

1

(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

[REDACTED]

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

24

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not
authorized to date)

7

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(Also
interviewed for
"California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

6

(Also interviewed in
Max Weiss Smith Act
Case)

(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered)

1

- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights:
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition being considered)

2

- (3) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition being considered)

1

- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Petition being considered)

2

- (5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

1

- (6) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

1

(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case
(Trial set for August 27, 1956)

1

- (2) Bruno Maze Case
(Prosecution being considered)

1

- (e) Perjury Trial (Harvey Matusow)

1

(No trial date set)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

17

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

1

(deceased)

- (2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

2

- (3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

1

- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision)

5

(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

1

(1) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered)



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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
TO GOVERNMENT IN CRYPTOGRAPHY CASES

Figures apply as of September 1, 1956

1.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REPOSED AS DISCLOSED:</u>	49
(a)	Smith Act Trials*****	41
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations*****	4
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases*****	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials*****	2
2.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD BE USED AS EVIDENCE AT GOVERNMENT TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a)	Smith Act Trials*****	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations*****	2
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions*****	5
3.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD BE USED AS EVIDENCE:</u>	24
(a)	Smith Act Trials*****	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions*****	9
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations*****	3
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases*****	2
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases*****	1
4.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS EVIDENCE:</u>	17
(a)	Smith Act Trials*****	6
(b)	Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL)*****	5
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild*****	7
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations*****	1
5.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>	8
(a)	Smith Act Trials*****	1
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations*****	4
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild*****	3
6.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS EVIDENCE:</u>	46
(a)	Smith Act Trials*****	15
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations*****	7
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases*****	5
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions*****	2
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases*****	12

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- (a) USSR Act Trials 100
SABZ Hearings Be Wrong Organizations 200
(b) Administrative Hearing Be Independent 1
Socialist League 100
(c) MAD Hearings Be Committee-dominated Labor Unions 20
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of America 10

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
FOR CONTINUITY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of September 2, 1956

1. SUPPLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION EXPRESSED AS DISCLOSED 42

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

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[Redacted]

(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 2, 1952) 1

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 5

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(5) Bentle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

[Redacted]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 5

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 20, 1954) 2

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 27, 1954) 3

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(9) Albert Lightfoot Northernish Trial
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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(10) Junior Scouting Northernish Trial
(Ended April 21, 1955)

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(11) Zenner Trial (Ended May 25, 1955)

[Redacted]

(12) Steveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

[Redacted]

(13) Non Raven Trial (Ended March 20, 1956)

[Redacted]

(14) Albert Plumb Northernish Trial
(Ended March 7, 1956)

[Redacted]

(15) John Francis Pinto Northernish Trial
(Ended April 10, 1956)

[Redacted]

(6) Subversive Activities Control Board Hearings
on WPA Operations

(1) National Council of American-Youth Friendship
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

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(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended
April 20, 1956)

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(3) Civil Rights Commission (Hearing ended
July 8, 1955)

3

(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended
April 11, 1952)

1

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Malvin Hansen Case
(Trial ended January 13, 1954)

2

(c) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 18, 1956)

2

D. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
AGENTS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THAT IT COULD BE USED AS
EVIDENCE AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS.

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Sam J. Dunn Trial (Trial set for
October 19, 1956)

2

(2) Banton Smith Act Trial
(No trial date set)

2

(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio
and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing
before SAGE)

(3) James W. Harboe Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio
and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing
before SAGE)

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(c) John Currell Hellman Partnership Case
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at International Union of Miners,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

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(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Committee on African Affairs
(Prosecution dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

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(e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America
(Prosecution filed December 20, 1955)

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Prosecution filed July 22, 1955)

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5. ~~CHARGED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTERFERED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT INFORMATION HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THIS WILL BE
DEFINITELY HELD AS CONFIDENTIAL~~

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(f) Anti-Apartheid Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial (Prosecution not
authorized so date)

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Also interviewed
for "California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America 6
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee 2
(Petition being considered)

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- (2) Connnection! Volunteers for Civil Rights 5
Connecticut Peace Council
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- (3) Save Our Sons Committee 1
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- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace 2
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- (5) Itdisher Kultur Farband, Inc. 4
(Petition being considered)

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- (6) Sons of Columbus, Inc. 2
(Petition being considered)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case
(trial set for August 27, 1956)

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(2) Bruno Hause Case
(Prosecution being considered)

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(e) Perjury Trial (Harvey Dubusov)

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(No trial date set)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS IDENTIFIED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES

17

(a) Smith Act Trials

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(1) Cleveland Trial (ended February 10, 1956) 2

(Deceased)

(2) John Rota Membership Trial
(ended April 12, 1956)

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(3) New Haven Trial

(ended March 29, 1956)

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(4) Administrative Hearing Re: Independent Socialist League
(hearing concluded July, 1959. No decision.)

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(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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(d) SACD Hearings Re Front Organizations

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(2) Palo Alto Peace Club (Petition being considered)



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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *jlw* *56*

DATE: 9-4-56

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *jlw* *9-6*

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cc Mr. Boardman
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(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	5
(d)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...	3
(e)	Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	298	
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	38	
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12	
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	35	
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2	
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1	
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America.	9	

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) <u>First New York Trial</u>	<i>(Ended October 14, 1949)</i>	6
[redacted]	[redacted]	
(2) <u>Baltimore Trial</u>	<i>(Ended April 1, 1952)</i>	1
[redacted]	[redacted]	
(3) <u>Los Angeles Trial</u>	<i>(Ended August 5, 1952)</i>	4
[redacted]	[redacted]	
(4) <u>Pittsburgh Trial</u>	<i>(Ended August 20, 1953)</i>	3
[redacted]	[redacted]	
(5) <u>Seattle Trial</u>	<i>(Ended October 10, 1953)</i>	4
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(6) <u>Philadelphia Trial</u>	<i>(Ended August 13, 1954)</i>	2
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(7) <u>St. Louis Trial</u>	<i>(Ended May 28, 1954)</i>	3
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(8) <u>Detroit Trial</u>	<i>(Ended February 17, 1954)</i>	3
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The Attorney General

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 5, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through October 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved.

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2 cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures - 2)

2 cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
(With Enclosures - 2)

See memo Belmont to Boardman 10-2-56 entitled as above EBR:pat

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1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 41 |
| (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations..... | 4 |
| (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... | 2 |
| (d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials..... | 1 |

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS
WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 7 |
| (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 2 |
| (c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..... | 5 |

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 7 |
| (b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..... | 6 |
| (c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 9 |
| (d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... | 1 |
| (e) Obstruction of Justice Cases..... | 1 |

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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|--|---|
| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 4 |
| (b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... | 1 |
| (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent
Socialist League (ISL)..... | 5 |
| (d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild..... | 6 |
| (e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 2 |

5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTER-
VIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE
CONDUCTED:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 1 |
| (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 4 |
| (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild..... | 3 |

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	3
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	348
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	38
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	47
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America.....	9

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Figures apply as of October 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

[Redacted]

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

[Redacted]

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

[Redacted]

(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

[Redacted]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

[Redacted]

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

[Redacted]

(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

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(9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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(10) Junius Scales Membership Trial
(Ended April 21, 1955)

1

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(11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955)

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(12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2

[redacted]
(13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2

[redacted]
(14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial
(Ended March 7, 1956) 1

[redacted]
(15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956) 3

(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

(1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)
[redacted]

(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended
April 28, 1954)
[redacted]

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(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955)

1

(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956)

1

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Case

(1) Everett Melvin Hubman Case
(Trial ended January 15, 1954)

2

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

1

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for November 26, 1956)

3

(2) Boston Smith Act Trial
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

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- (3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio
and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing
before SACB)

- (4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(No trial date set)

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(Also to testify at International Union of Mine,
Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

2

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United
Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
of America

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

24

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not authorized to date)

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[Redacted]
(Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

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(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered)

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(2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights:
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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(3) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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(4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Petition being considered)

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(5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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(6) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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(7) Free Press Discussion Club
(Petition being considered)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case

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(1) Bruno Maze Case
(Prosecution being considered)

1

(e) Obstruction of Justice

[redacted]

1

[redacted]
(Trial tentatively
set for October 15, 1956)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

18

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial

[redacted] (Ended February 10, 1956)

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(2) John Noto Membership Trial

[redacted] (Ended April 12, 1956)

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(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

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(b) Labor Management Relations Act Case

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(1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case

(Trial completed September 6, 1956)

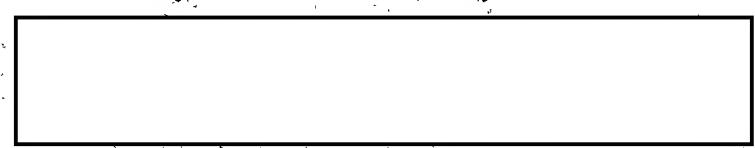


(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League

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(Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.)

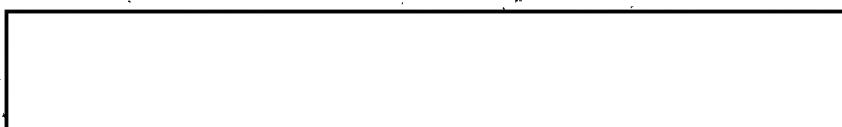
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(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild

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(Petition being considered)



(e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

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(1) Palo Alto Peace Club (Petition being considered)



(2) Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights (Petition being considered)



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ACTION:

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Enclosures *see set 10-3-56*

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(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	9
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
(e)	Obstruction of Justice.....	1
4.	CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:	18
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	4
(b)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5
(d)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	6
(e)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2
5.	CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:	8
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	1
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	3

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...	3
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	348
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...	38
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	47
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America.	9

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Identities Given	112
Inquiries Pending	567
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FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of October 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

48

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

[REDACTED]

(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

[REDACTED]

(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

[REDACTED]

(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

[REDACTED]

(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

[REDACTED]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)
[redacted]
- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)
[redacted]
- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4
[redacted]
- (12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2
[redacted]
- (13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2
[redacted]
- (14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)
[redacted]
- (15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial 3
(Ended April 12, 1956)
[redacted]
- (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations
- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)
[redacted]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husbands,
[redacted]

(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1
[Redacted]

(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1
[Redacted]

(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1
[Redacted]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hubman Case (Trial ended January 15, 1954) 2
[Redacted]

(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial (Trial ended October 12, 1954) 1
[Redacted]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

14

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial (Trial set for November 26, 1956) 3
[Redacted] [Redacted]

(2) Boston Trial (No trial date set) 2
[Redacted]

(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB)

(3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case
(No trial date set)

1

[Redacted]
(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB)

(4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case
(No trial date set.)

1

[Redacted]
(Also to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs

2

(Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Of America

4

(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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[Redacted]

(2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers

1

(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

[Redacted]

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

24

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not authorized to date)

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] (Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] (Also interviewed in Max Weiss Smith Act Case)

(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered)

1

(2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights:
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

2

(3) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

1

(4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Petition being considered)

2

[Redacted]

(5) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

1

(6) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

1

(7) Free Press Discussion Club
(Petition being considered)

1

(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case

(1) Bruno Maze Case
(Prosecution being considered)

1

(e) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow)

1

[Redacted]
(Trial tentatively set
for October 15, 1956)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

18

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

[Redacted]
(deceased)

- (2) John Noto Membership Trial (Ended April 12, 1956) 2
[redacted]
- (3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1 b6
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- (b) Labor Management Relations Act Case
- (1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case (Trial completed September 6, 1956) 1
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- (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision) 5
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- (d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild (Petition being considered) 6
[redacted] [redacted]
- (e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations 1
- (1) Palo Alto Peace Club (Petition being considered)
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- (2) Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights (Petition being considered) 1
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The Attorney General

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 3, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through November 1, 1956. This chart breaks down the figures into seven categories.

There is also attached an enlarged chart covering the first four categories. Since the figures in categories one and two have not changed since the submission of the enlarged chart dated October 1, 1956, the names of the informants in these two categories are not being repeated in the attached enlarged chart.

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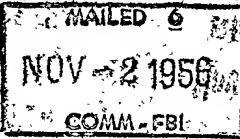
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William F. Tompkins
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of November 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:

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|--|----|
| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 41 |
| (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations..... | 4 |
| (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... | 2 |
| (d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials..... | 1 |

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS
WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 7 |
| (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 2 |
| (c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions... | 5 |

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 7 |
| (b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions... | 6 |
| (c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 6 |
| (d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... | 1 |
| (e) Obstruction of Justice Cases..... | 1 |

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 4 |
| (b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... | 1 |
| (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent
Socialist League (ISL)..... | 5 |
| (d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild... | 6 |
| (e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 5 |

5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTER-
VIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE
CONDUCTED:

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| (a) Smith Act Trials..... | 1 |
| (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... | 4 |
| (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild... | 3 |

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE
HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTER-
VIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	4
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR
POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE
DEPARTMENT:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	354
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	38
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	50
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America.....	9

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Figures apply as of November 1, 1956

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES

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ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS
WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS

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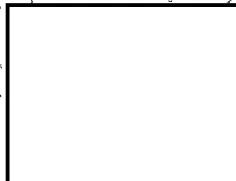
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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not
authorized to date)

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(Also interviewed
for "California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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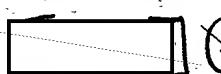
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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered)

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- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights:
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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- [Redacted]
(3) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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- [Redacted]
(4) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered)

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- [Redacted]
(5) Free Press Discussion Club
(Petition being considered)

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- (a) Labor Management Relations Act Case

- [Redacted]
(1) Bruno Maze Case
(Prosecution being considered)

1

- (e) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow)

1

[Redacted]
(Trial tentatively set for November 19, 1956)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

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(2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

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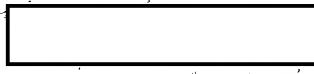
(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956)

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(b) Labor Management Relations Act Case

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(1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case
(Trial completed September 6, 1956)



(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision)

5

(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered)

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(e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Palo Alto Peace Club (Petition being considered)

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(2) Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights (Petition being considered)

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(3) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive)

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(4) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 1, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: ~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of November 1, 1956.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4.

Since the figures in categories one and two in the enlarged chart have not changed since the submission of the October 1, 1956, memorandum, these two categories are not being repeated in the enlarged charts prepared for the Director's information and for transmittal to the Attorney General.

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cc Boardman

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
Re: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of November 1, 1956.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of November 1, 1956

1.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	41
(b)	Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
(d)	Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1
2.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	14
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	5
3.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	21
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....	6
(c)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	6
(d)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
(e)	Obstruction of Justice.....	1
4.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	21
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	4
(b)	Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5
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(e)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	5
5.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>	8
(a)	Smith Act Trials.....	1
(b)	SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c)	Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	3

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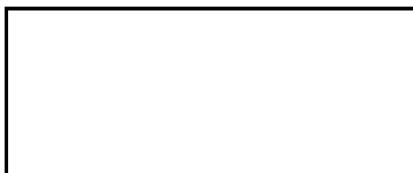
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| 3. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u> | 21 |

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial



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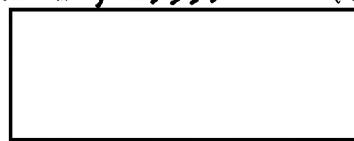
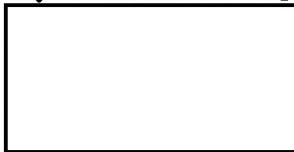
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(Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)



(Also interviewed in Max Weiss Smith Act Case)
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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered)



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- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights: 2
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)
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- (3) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)
[redacted]
- (4) Sons of Columbus, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)
[redacted]
- (5) Free Press Discussion Club 1
(Petition being considered)
[redacted]
- (d) Labor Management Relations Act Case
- (1) Bruno Maze Case 1
(Prosecution being considered)
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- (e) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow) 1
[redacted] (Trial tentatively set
for November 19, 1956)
4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES: 21
- (a) Smith Act Trials
- (1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1
[redacted] (deceased)

(2) <u>John Noto Membership Trial</u> (Ended April 12, 1956)	2
[redacted]	
(3) <u>New Haven Trial</u> (Ended March 29, 1956)	1
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(b) <u>Labor Management Relations Act Case</u>	
(1) <u>Andrew Steve Nelson Case</u> (Trial completed September 6, 1956)	1
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(c) <u>Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League</u> (Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.)	5
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(d) <u>Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild</u> (Petition being considered)	6
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(e) <u>SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations</u>	
(1) <u>Palo Alto Peace Club</u> (Petition being considered)	1
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(2) <u>Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights</u> (Petition being considered)	1
[redacted]	

(3) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive)

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(4) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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cc Boardman
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The Attorney General

November 20, 1956

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COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
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Departmental Committee as Security Witnesses

Confidential informants of the Bureau, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have been reporting that at meetings of high-ranking Communist Party functionaries throughout the country methods of discrediting Government witnesses have been discussed at great length.

Since the decision of the United States Supreme Court on April 30, 1956, remanding the Communist Party case to the Subversive Activities Control Board for a hearing as to the credibility of Government witnesses Harvey Matusow, Paul Crouch and [redacted] the Party has been conducting a systematic attack against Government witnesses who have testified at security trials and hearings. This attack has gained added impetus since the decision of the Supreme Court on October 10, 1956, in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case, remanding that case for a new trial on the basis of possible perjury by Government witness [redacted]

It is known that attorneys who have represented the defendants in various security trials and hearings have been examining transcripts in an effort to locate any conflicting items in the testimony of Government witnesses. No item appears to be too minor for consideration. For example, in the motion filed with the Subversive Activities Control Board on November 15, 1956, by attorneys for the Communist Party, the fact that Government witness [redacted] testified at the Albert Blumberg Smith Act trial in Philadelphia to a statement made by Blumberg and did not repeat this testimony at other trials and hearings at which she testified, is being seized upon as an indication of perjury by [redacted]

See Belmont memo to Boardman 11-20-56 re same caption EBR:pat

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Memorandum to the Attorney General

Several of the Government witnesses currently under attack have testified at numerous security trials and hearings and it can be anticipated that should rulings favorable to the Communist Party be obtained against any of these witnesses, the rulings would be used as the bases for motions for new trials or hearings in all cases at which these witnesses appeared. Paul Crouch, one of the Government witnesses who is currently under attack, testified at the Philadelphia, Honolulu, Seattle and St. Louis Smith Act trials. On November 13, 1956, attorneys for the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants requested the Government to file with the Circuit Court of Appeals the results of an alleged investigation conducted by the Department of Justice concerning Crouch's credibility. On November 19, 1956, a motion for a new trial, or, in the alternative, a motion to remand the record, was filed in the Philadelphia Smith Act case. The alleged false testimony of Crouch is the basis for this motion. Should Crouch's credibility be successfully challenged, it can be expected that motions for new trials will certainly be filed in the Honolulu, Seattle and St. Louis Smith Act cases as well. The danger inherent in the Paul Crouch matter was the subject of my memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated November 16, 1956.

While it appears that there is no way for the Government to prevent attorneys for Communist Party defendants from attacking Government witnesses and from filing motions based upon alleged false testimony, it is obvious that in order to assure the continued success of the Government's security program these attacks must be met head-on by the Government and a strong stand must be taken to successfully combat defense motions attempting to discredit Government witnesses.

I would appreciate your comments concerning this very serious problem.

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

c.c Boardman
Belmont
Donohue
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The Attorney General

December 3, 1956

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated November 2, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through December 1, 1956.

In view of the request set forth in the memorandum of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins to Mr. John Lindsay dated December 6, 1955, which was referred to me by memorandum from Mr. Lindsay dated December 9, 1955, an enlarged chart is also attached identifying the confidential informants in the first four categories together with the specific trial in which each was or is involved.

Since the figures in category one have not changed since the submission of the enlarged chart dated November 1, 1956, this category is not being repeated in the attached enlarged chart.

Enclosures - 2

1 cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures -2)

1 cc Assistant Attorney General
William P. Tompkins
(With Enclosures -2)

See memo Belmont to Boardman 12-3-56 entitled as above EBR:tmf

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of December 1, 1956.

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:

48

- (a) Smith Act Trials.....
- (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....
- (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....
- (d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....

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2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:

15

- (a) Smith Act Trials.....
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....
- (c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...
- (d) Labor Management Relations Act Case.....

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

21

- (a) Smith Act Trials.....
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...
- (c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....
- (d) Obstruction of Justice Cases.....

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4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

21

- (a) Smith Act Trials.....
- (b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....
- (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....
- (d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....
- (e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....

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5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials.....
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....
- (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials.....	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	11
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	4
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

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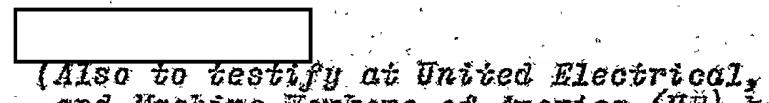
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(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64
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(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	38
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	50
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1
(i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America.....	9

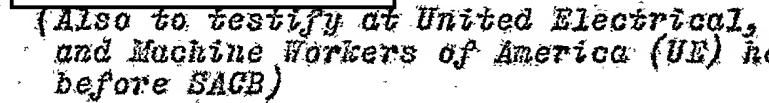
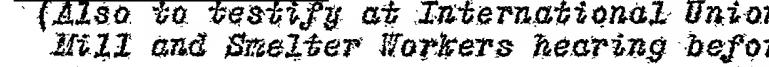
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(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Council on African Affairs

(Petition dismissed without prejudice to
Government September 15, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United
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of America

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(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case

(1) Bruno Maze Case

(No trial date set)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not
authorized to date)

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for "California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, 7
Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee 1
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- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights: 2
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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- (3) Jiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)

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- (4) Sons of Columbus, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered)

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- (5) Free Press Discussion Club 1
(Petition being considered)

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- (d) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow) 1

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(Trial tentatively set for January 3, 1957)

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4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 1

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(2) John Noto Membership Trial (Ended April 12, 1956) 2

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(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1

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(b) Labor Management Relations Act Case 1

(1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case (Trial completed September 6, 1956)

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(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.) 5

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(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild (Petition being considered) 6

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(e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Palo Alto Peace Club (Petition being considered) 1

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- (2) Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights (Petition being considered)

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- (3) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive)

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- (4) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

10-25-56

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 1+, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947
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By memorandum 10-25-56 the Department requested interviews with 10 individuals as possible witnesses in this case including 6 current informants.

and [REDACTED]

All 6 of these informants report on the Socialist Workers Party in the Los Angeles, California, area and the Los Angeles Office has advised that all of them are considered important to the coverage of that organization.

Ex-communists as witnesses

[REDACTED] are husband and wife and have been informants since [REDACTED] respectively.

[REDACTED] is not a member of the Socialist Workers Party but attends open functions and is trusted by the organization.

[REDACTED] has been an informant since [REDACTED] and a member of the Socialist Workers Party since 1951.

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[REDACTED] are husband and wife and have been informants since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been an informant since [REDACTED] he was arrested for "drinking on the sidewalk."

Interviews with these informants have been arranged for the Department and the Department was advised 11-1-56 that information regarding the background and value of each of these informants would be furnished to the Attorney General.

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Enclosure *sent 11-16-56*

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cc - Boardman
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the enclosed memorandum be forwarded to the Attorney General with copies to Mr. Rogers and Mr. "ompkins setting out information regarding the background and value of these informants and advising that if the Department considers one or more of these informants essential to the prosecution of this case, it will be left to the Department to decide, bearing in mind the over-all responsibilities of the FBI in the internal security field, whether such informants should be used as witnesses.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: December 1, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: X RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of December 1, 1956.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Since by memorandum dated December 9, 1955, John V. Lindsay, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, forwarded a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated December 6, 1955, which requested a further breakdown of the chart, an additional enlarged chart is also attached for the Director's information and for the information of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. It is noted that the copy of this enlarged chart designated for the Director contains the names of the informants whereas the enlarged chart designated for the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins utilizes the informants' symbol numbers rather than their names in categories 3 and 4.

Since the figures in category one in the enlarged chart have not changed since the submission of the November 1, 1956, memorandum, this category is not being repeated in the enlarged charts prepared for the Director's information and for transmittal to the Attorney General.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

*Re: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES*

ACTION:

A memorandum to the Attorney General, copies to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins is attached hereto transmitting the two charts reflecting the status of this matter as of December 1, 1956.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of December 1, 1956

<u>1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	41
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re: Front Organizations.....	4
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1
<u>2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	15
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2
(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	5
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case.....	1
<u>3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	21
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	7
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	6
(d) Obstruction of Justice.....	1
<u>4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	21
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	4
(b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5
(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.....	6
(e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	5
<u>5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>	8
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	1
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c) Administrative Hearings Re National Lawyers Guild.....	3

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	15
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	8
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	11
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated, Labor, Unions...	4
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	14

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7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

(a) Smith Act Trials.....	64
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	366
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League.....	1
(d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...	38
(e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....	12
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	50
(g) Denaturalization Cases.....	2
(h) Espionage Cases.....	1
(i) Administrative Hearings Re Socialist Union of America	9

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of December 1, 1956

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| (a) <u>Smith Act Trials</u> | |
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| (Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB) | b6
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| (3) <u>Emanuel Blum Membership Case</u> | 1 |
| (No trial date set) | |
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| (Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB) | |
| (4) <u>John Cyril Hellman Membership Case</u> | 1 |
| (No trial date set) | |
| [Redacted] | |
| (Also to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB) | |
| (b) <u>SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations</u> | <u>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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| (1) <u>Council on African Affairs</u> | |
| (Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955) | 2 |
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(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Of America

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(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

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(2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers

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(Petition filed July 28, 1955)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case

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(1) Bruno Maze Case

(No trial date set)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

21

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Francisco Trial

(Prosecution not authorized to date)

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(Also

interviewed for
"California Emergency
Defense Committee" hearing
before SACB)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America

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(Petition filed December 20, 1955)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(Also interviewed in

- 2 - Max Weiss Smith Act Case)

(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) United Russian-American Committee

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(Petition being considered)

[Redacted]

(2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights:
Connecticut Peace Council

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(Petition filed August 9, 1956)

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(3) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.

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(Petition being considered)

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(4) Sons of Columbus, Inc.

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(Petition being considered)

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(5) Free Press Discussion Club

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(Petition being considered)

[Redacted]

(d) Obstruction of Justice ([Redacted])

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(Trial tentatively set
for January 3, 1957)

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial

(Ended February 10, 1956) 1

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(2) John Noto Membership Trial 2

(Ended April 12, 1956)

(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 1

(b) Labor Management Relations Act Case

(1) Andrew Steve Nelson Case 1

(Trial completed September 6, 1956)

(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League

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(Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.) 5

(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild 6

(Petition being considered)

(e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

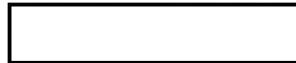
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(2) Oregon Committee for Defense of
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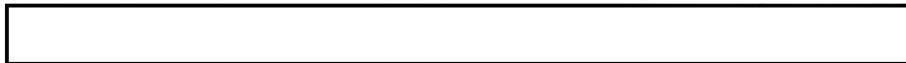
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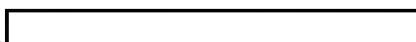
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(4) Save Our Sons Committee

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(Petition filed August 9, 1956)



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: December 5, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

Tolson _____
 Nichols _____
 Boardman _____
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By memorandum November 27, 1956, the Attorney General directed Deputy Attorney General Rogers to set up a conference in the Attorney General's office during the week of December 17, 1956, to discuss the problem raised in the Bureau's letter to the Attorney General dated November 20, 1956, dealing with Communist Party attacks against Government witnesses.

The Director has designated me to represent him and requested to see the brief I would use at this conference. The proposed brief is attached.

Encl placed in file
 8-458 per Mr Reddy.
 Enclosure pg 8

cc Boardman

Belmont
 Baumgardner
 Donohue
 Reddy

EBR:pat:rmw

(6)

Mr. Belmont will
 represent me.

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TO : Messrs. Rogers, Rankin, Hoover, Tompkins, Doub DATE: November 27, 1956

FROM : Herbert Brownell, Jr.

SUBJECT: Departmental Committee-Security
Witnesses

You have received a copy of a memorandum to me from the Director of the FBI, dated November 20, 1956, on the subject "Communist Party Attacks Against Government Witnesses".

I would like to have Mr. Rogers set up a conference in my office during the week of December 17, at which we could discuss the problem raised by Mr. Hoover in his memorandum.

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Belmont will have
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